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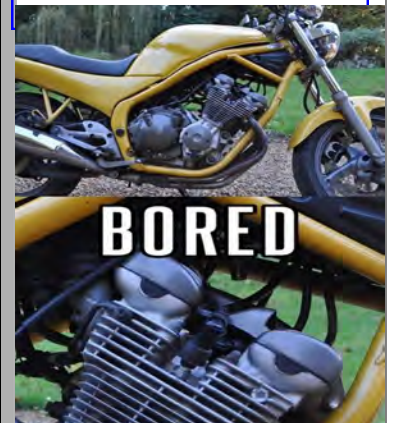
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Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 2ND SUNSET DINNER RIDE
- 5TH GENERAL MEETING
- 12TH BOARD MEETING
- 16TH HAUNTED PICNIC RIDE
- 17 GRASS CLASS
- 23-24 RUSTIC ROAD MIGRATION

NOVEMBER

- 2ND GENERAL MEETING
- 9TH BOARD MEETING
- 20TH STEAKSGIVING

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'll and your families are enjoying the milder weather and taking advantage to get out and ride.

What's the best way to stay socially distanced...? On two wheels!! Keeping in mind the safety and wellbeing of ALL our members, we will follow the CDC recommended COVID guidelines so we can take advantage of every opportunity to meet and ride now, and for many years to come.

Now, on to some good news....

We had two new members join in September and two more joining in October. All great folks I'm sure will make a great addition to our club. Look for the new friendly faces at the October meeting and say hello.

We have a couple events scheduled for October. First is a G.R.A.S.S. Class on October 17th for members that need to take the class to be in good standing and vote in the upcoming election.

The other is a Haunted Picnic Ride on October 16th. I am still working out the details, but will have the blast out and calendar updated soon. We will ride out to some scary places and end at the Green House, for a picnic and campfire. You bring your food (pack on your bike for the trip) and we'll supply the beverages.

I have also heard another RC may add a ride in October, so keep an eye on the calendar and look out for blasts.

The remainder of the month is wide open for our RCs, or even an aspiring RC to take advantage of and plan a ride. Let me know or contact Greg Smith and we can help out.

Speaking of the elections, we will have our list of positions up for vote in 2021 out soon for your review. So, if you would like to become more involved in the operation of the club or know someone that would, please nominate yourself or them. And if you are not ready to jump onto the board, you can volunteer for a position on a committee and still chip in.

Buddy Check... 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



A dream written down
becomes a goal;
A goal broken down into steps
becomes a plan;
A plan put into action
becomes reality!
Let's create goals, plan and
realize our riding dreams!



KAUTION KORNER

Practice What You Preach!

By: Gene "Lucky" Rigsby,
President and Senior Road Captain



Being a Top Cat, you have access to a great source of motorcycling knowledge. Not only through the vast riding experience of our Top Cat family, but also from our G.R.A.S.S. (Group Riding And Safety Seminar) class course which had been developed over two decades and continues to evolve as our riding world does. As we remind folks, GRASS is not meant to teach you how to ride but teach you how we ride. It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to keep updating, reviewing AND... to practice what we preach.

Following these guidelines helps to keep us all safe. Therefore, along with learning new details, it's important to attend GRASS as much as you can and make sure to PRACTICE what you have learned.

The GRASS presentation has been "in process" for more than 20 years and will never be complete. The amount of experience packed into it is staggering and it is not even all to know. This is where true life details are added into the discussion as a means to develop understanding through a relationship to the topic. Topics covered vary from the simple, like who should leave first from a stop sign or signal, to serious situations like accident scene management.

All road captains (RC) and Senior Road Captains (SRC) meet once a year to review the GRASS presentation and make changes as new details are needed or methods for handling riding conditions evolve. The exchange of information is happening throughout the year. For instance, we recently discussed and agreed to providing important mentor report detail to all RCs as this information was normally only exchanged with the RC, Mentor, safety director, committee chair and president. Sharing this experience in detail will help to make our RCs more aware, leading to better planning and more effective situational responses.

New details like the mentor reports will also be reflected in the GRASS presentation as appropriate, which is why it is important to attend GRASS as often as possible and pay attention to all the details even if you have attend often. It may be redundant, but this redundancy may prevent an accident for you, your Top Cat family and guests. That make it truly worth ALL the continued effort put in by the presenters as well as your attendance and participation.

To build on this important topic, it is imperative that we all practice what we preach.

When preparing for a ride, take time to reflect on pre-ride topics you have learned during class, like TCLOCS or center of gravity for packing.

During your ride, reflect on topics like staggered spacing and how to know you are the right distance apart, yellow means stop, importance of breadcrumbing (don't be "that guy" not doing it) and avoiding distractions.

In case of an emergency, reflect on topics like, listening to the directions from the road caption and assisting in whatever way you can to clear the scene.

After a ride, reflect on items that could have been handled better and how to keep these in mind for the next ride. And use this information to provide constructive feedback to the RC and mentor.

There is SO MUCH MORE, I cannot write about it all AND, you cannot possibly absorb it all in one class, which is why it is so important to attend GRASS as often as possible and practice what we preach!

As stated in our GRASS presentation, "It doesn't hurt, to ride safe"

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

Practice
what you
Preach
to instill
what you
Teach



Going Alone? Or with a Group? Be Ready!

V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick



out on the road alone for a long distance can be an intimidating thought. But the article identified the following ideas as important in getting ready and can address those intimidating factors. In the past, riding solo was the only option that was available to me and these things made a great deal of sense. But, as I've ridden with the groups in recent years, these same tips apply to getting ready, the ride and dealing with 'intimidation factors' on all rides! Both options have very different benefits... But, both options require planning.

Destination and Timing: The first consideration is to have a general idea of where you would like to go and the timeframe that you have to work with in order to make the miles. One story I've collected was from a co-worker. She would set her home as the final destination on her Garmin and then just ride until the 'appointed time' showed up on her Garmin that would get her home before dark. She would wander taking any and all of the roads that looked interesting. Her rides allowed her to find some great views, friendly people and meditation stops. It made for great days that became discovery adventures. Now, doing this with a group would not be advised as some of her 'discoveries' were dead-end/turn arounds or gravel stretches. Group riding, though, does require the timing and directions that began this paragraph. With a group, you lose a little of the adventure... but you gain the camaraderie of good friends. Either way, directions and timing are key to making a good memory.

Bike Maintenance: Making sure your bike is ready for the road is always important, but especially if you have plans for a solo trip - Long or Short! Breakdowns of any kind will add a bit of 'excitement' that you truly don't want to encounter in making memories. Battery, tires, oil levels are part of a standard pre-ride check for solo or group rides! Making sure all of the 'straps' or other extras are secure is also key to making a good memory!

Packing essentials: So many times overpacking has been

a challenge on rides. Taking the essentials and not all of the 'wants' will make the traveling so much easier. A few essential tools too! Bring those tools you know how to use and then a few that the bike needs. Finding someone to help will be easier if you are prepared with the tools that work on your bike. And...If you come upon an 'essential' that you don't have, find it on the road...



Sometimes searching for what you need leads you on another adventure! The goal of getting away is so that you can 'let go' of all of the daily baggage, right? So, whether solo or group riding, pack light, see what freedom feels like and be ready for adventure as you make those new memories..

Research: Take some time before you leave to look at some of the options that you will have along the road. Stop at as many as possible on your ride, but don't be tied to seeing them all. When you 'overplan' you may miss some of the surprises along the way. Memories of discovery contain a lot more detail than those memories made with too much pre-knowledge!



Technology: Take the technology that you will need to keep in touch if traveling solo. Phone and Garmin or other directional technology are part of the essentials. Riding solo, this is more important than in a group, but either way, in an emergency situation these will be needed. Music or reading with your phone or iPad can add to the moments you will be experiencing.. And help to write those memories into your long-term brain matter!

Breaks. Make sure that your daily route allows for breaks, stops an time to explore. It will enhance the experience by adding in the element of surprise, which usually comes with a large dose of 'Happy'.



All of this information is applicable whether riding solo or in a group. Using it as needed and adjusting the ideas to fit the situation, will hopefully allow you to experience the 'freedom' of riding with the assurance that you have readied yourself for anything that may come along on your adventure. Solo riding brings freedom and develops a sense of self-reliance, but riding with others adds a variety of views and smiles that enhance any experience! All of these ideas were written so that we can always be ready to enjoy the RIDE!



Oil Spots

By Traveler



KURYAKYN SOLD TO TUCKER POWERSPORTS



Tucker Powersports announced that it has acquired Kuryakyn Holdings LLC. Tucker will incorporate the Kuryakyn product offering and product development into the Tucker organization this year.

The acquisition will move Kuryakyn into the Tucker organization, rather than Kuryakyn operating as a separate business unit. "This is a tremendous move for Tucker, for the Kuryakyn brand and for the dealers we serve," said Tucker President and CEO Marc McAllister. "Kuryakyn's industry-leading products will continue to be available to dealers and customers while Tucker becomes an even stronger supplier to dealers in not only in custom, cruiser and touring, but new market segments as well."

All Kuryakyn operations, assets, and R&D programs will move from Somerset, WI to Tucker's headquarters in Fort Worth, TX.

Kuryakyn is one of the nation's leading developers and retailers of motorcycle accessories for the V-twin, cruiser and touring motorcycle rider. The brand's newest products include a range of audio speakers for on and off-road use, LED lighting and motorcycle luggage. Founded nearly 30 years ago, the company quickly became known for a range of chrome and custom accessories for motorcycles.

Tucker leadership expects the transition will be complete by the end of the calendar year. Some of Kuryakyn's Somerset, WI employees will have an opportunity to join the Tucker staff in Fort Worth TX. Many of those moves will take place in the next 30 days.

2022 Riding Hazards!



While many details of the pending Infrastructure Plan remain unclear, the total cost of the latest proposed deal is \$1.2 trillion over eight years, with \$579 billion in new spending, according to the White House.

The bipartisan plan includes \$109 billion for roads, bridges and other infrastructure projects.

Over the past years on our group rides, we have encountered minor road construction, easily navigated by our riders. Our road captains also circumnavigate any major construction that they encounter during their pre ride of a route.

In the forthcoming years, we can expect to encounter the effects of the Infrastructure plan, when passed, with larger, and more frequent, construction sites along roadways, bridges, etc.

The result will probably be increased traffic, longer travel times, and increased hazards to motorcycles.

Bottom line? The Infrastructure Plan SHOULD improve our roadways however it WILL require a heightened degree of caution and alert riding on our part to remain safe.

Bad Vibrations: Engine Vibrations Damage iPhone Cameras

It's time to think twice about how you mount your phone to your handlebars...

Apple has warned that vibrations from motorcycle engines can cause damage to iPhone cameras.

iPhone cameras with optical image stabilization (OIS) or closed loop auto-focus (AF) can sustain damage when vibrations are strong enough. These cameras utilize gyroscopes and/or magnetic sensors in order to operate, and can become inoperable when too much vibration is introduced.

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Oil Spots, continued...

Closed-loop autofocus uses board magnetic sensors to determine how much the lens position should be adjusted, according to current gravitational and vibrational loads on the device. If you have trouble holding the phone perfectly still when taking a picture, OIS and AF will ensure the image is still crisp. But, with all the movement that occurs when a phone is mounted to the handlebars of a bike, those gyros and sensors can quit working correctly. These systems are designed for durability, but repeated exposure to the vibrational forces felt in most motorcycle handlebars is enough to render these technologies useless.

Vibration is transmitted from the engine through your chassis and handlebars. Some bikes are more “vibey” than others, but most modern day motorcycles vibrate within a frequency range that directly effects the cell phones internal mechanisms described above. This is problematic for those of us who use our phone as a navigational tool (and to take great photos during our rides). If you want your \$1000 communication investment to last, consider taking steps to reduce the vibration being transmitted to your phone.

To mitigate the effects of vibration on your phone’s camera:

- ▶ Use a vibration reducing phone mount
- ▶ Clamp your phone mount closer to the center of your handlebars – the further towards the end of the bars, the more vibration!
- ▶ Install vibration reducing handlebar risers/mounts to help with vibration in the handlebars.
- ▶ Choose an older device to use as offline navigation only and store your newer phone in your tank bag, top case or jacket pocket.

“It is not recommended to attach your iPhone to motorcycles with high-power or high-volume engines due to the amplitude of the vibration in certain frequency ranges that they generate. Attaching your iPhone to vehicles with small-volume or electric engines, such as mopeds and scooters, may lead to comparatively lower-amplitude vibrations, but if you do so a vibration dampening mount is recommended to lessen the risk of damage to your iPhone and its OIS and AF systems,” Apple said in their support document.



RPM Act is reintroduced into the Senate

After gaining support in the House of Representatives (which reconvenes September 20), the bipartisan Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (RPM) Act has been reintroduced into the U.S. Senate.



Passage of the bill—a response to the Environmental Protection Agency’s 2016 declaration that these vehicles violate the Clean Air Act—is critical to ensuring that owners can continue to modify street vehicles into race vehicles used exclusively in competition and that businesses can continue to produce, market, and install racing equipment.

According to Performance Racing Industry, federal lawmakers have received more 1.5 million letters urging them to pass the bill in 2021.

With overwhelming public and political support, the RPM Act continues to gain steam, and we may soon see a conclusion to enthusiasts’ fight to legally customize and race street vehicles.

Senate Passes Highway Bill Less Many Motorcycle Provisions



The U.S. Senate passed their version of the Highway Bill 69-30 on August 10, a \$1.2 trillion 2,000+ page Infrastructure measure to rebuild the nation’s

deteriorating roads and bridges and fund new climate resilience and broadband initiatives, but lacking the motorcycle-friendly provisions of the previously-passed House version, including only the reestablishment of the Motorcyclists Advisory Council (MAC).

The House Highway Bill contains several key provisions benefiting motorcycle riders; such as expanding prohibitions on motorcycle-only checkpoints, prohibiting law enforcement activities that profile motorcycle operators,

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Oil Spots, continued...

evaluating biker profiling by law enforcement, specifies that motorcycles must be considered in autonomous vehicle operation, allocates increased motorcyclist safety funding, and reauthorizes the MAC at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Typically, the Highway Bill would be taken up by a conference committee of both chambers to iron out any differences before sending a final compromise measure to the President for his signature or veto, but House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has indicated that they will not take up the bill until the Senate passes a separate, even more ambitious \$3.5 trillion social policy bill.

It could take months for Congress to pass both measures, if ever, but the current surface transportation bill expires on September 30 unless the deadline is extended

Sturgis Rally Numbers - How Big Was the 2021 Sturgis Rally?



The dust has settled on an incredible rally, and now everyone is asking the same question - How big was the 81st Sturgis Rally in 2021?

STURGIS RALLY 10 DAY ATTENDANCE TOTALS

2021: 525,768 Vehicles
Up 13.8% over last year
2020: 462,182 Vehicles
2015 (75th Rally): 747,032 Vehicles

Source: South Dakota DOT

This year was a bounce back year for the Sturgis Rally. Rumors swirled that 2021 would see a massive turnout, maybe even the largest Sturgis Rally ever. In some ways, the rumors were true.

Business and vendors in the Sturgis area reported increased sales, Custer State Park reported an 8% increase in visitor traffic and campgrounds saw a record number of campers, but how many people were really in attendance? Was it as big as the 75th? No...It was not.

According to the official traffic numbers released by the South Dakota Department of



Transportation, the 81st Rally in 2021 was not as big as the 75th, but traffic was up almost 14 percent from 2020.

The South Dakota DOT gathers these numbers from road tube counters placed at nine locations where traffic enters Sturgis. One vehicle is counted for every two axles that hit the counter on their way into town.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol is reporting that the 2021 Sturgis Rally was safer than 2020. Though the traffic was higher, the number of crashes were about the same, but fatalities and DUI arrests were down.

81ST STURGIS RALLY STATISTICS

DUI Arrests: 122
Misdemeanor Drug Arrests: 151
Felony Drug Arrests: 112
Total Citations: 1,572
Total Warnings: 4,319
Non-Injury Crashes: 50
Injury Crashes: 60
Fatal Crashes: 4
Fatalities: 4

Source: South Dakota Office of Highway Safety

South Dakota State News Reports the Department of Revenue's tax collections at the 2021 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally are currently at \$1,795,706k, 34% more than 2020.

007 Edition Tiger 900 is a tie-in Triumph

The latest brand to bond with the 007 franchise is Triumph, which is set to release a run of 250 Tiger 900s as featured in No Time To Die, having already sold all 250 Scrambler 1200s it had ready for the film's original release date. The Tiger 900 Bond Edition is based on the Tiger 900 Rally Pro, finished in black and gold. Every bike is individually numbered and comes with a certificate of authenticity along with a special 007-themed startup screen for the TFT instrument panel.

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Oil Spots, continued...

The 007 Edition Tiger 900s are available worldwide at the price of \$22,512.



Harley-Davidson, Wounded Warrior Project announced: Operation Personal Freedom



The Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) and Harley-Davidson have announced Operation Personal Freedom – a campaign that connects Harley-Davidson enthusiasts to wounded veterans, and helps raise critical support for WWP's life-changing mental health programs.

According to the announcement, Operation Personal Freedom will include:

Rolling Project Odyssey: Sponsored by Harley-Davidson since 2015, this WWP program is a unique motorcycle group riding experience that aims to support veterans in their recoveries from invisible wounds of war. One of WWP's mental health programs, Project Odyssey is a 12-week mental health program that uses adventure-based learning to help warriors manage and overcome their invisible wounds and empower them to live productive and fulfilling lives. Rolling Project Odyssey will begin with five days of riding, using the motorcycle as the catalyst for the program to provide mental health education. Milwaukee hosted the first Rolling Project Odyssey last month and the next one will be in the Florida Keys (Oct. 11-15, 2021).

New co-branded apparel: Harley-Davidson released new WWP co-branded apparel online and in select dealerships on Sept. 1. The company will donate 10% of the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) of every item sold to the veterans' nonprofit.

Consumer donation campaign: Harley-Davidson customers and WWP supporters can honor and empower warriors and their families by giving back in select stores and online now until Nov. 14. Warriors and their families never pay a penny for any WWP program or services because they already paid their dues on the battlefield.

Dealership events: Harley-Davidson dealerships across the country will host fundraisers and connection events benefitting WWP. Watch local dealerships for more information.

Operation Personal Freedom marks the latest example of Harley-Davidson's support of injured veterans through WWP.

E15– Beware!

By: Traveler

The EPA has, or is in the process of, implementing E15 gasoline nationwide. They



have, however, mandated that each gas station must have, at least one pump for E10.

Our motorcycles won't run correctly on E15 and, motorcycle manufacturers are warning against the use of E15 due to engine damage.

So, imagine this....with only one pump for E10 the lines for gas stops can be tremendously long since our bikes and older cars will be lining up at the same, E10, pump.



E15 and the Motorcycle Industry

- Q. What is the concern with E15 and the motorcycle industry?
- A. E15 (15% ethanol, 85% gasoline) was approved by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use in light duty vehicles (cars, trucks, and SUVs) made in model year 2001 and newer, as well as all flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs). E15 was not approved for small engines, lawnmowers and motorcycles; in fact, its use in these types of engines is illegal. That being said, E10 (10% ethanol, 90% gasoline) continues to be a safe and approved fuel for motorcycle engines. Even though the commercialization of E15 is going quite slow, with only a handful of stations offering the fuel today, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) has expressed concern that the introduction of E15 will eliminate the availability of E10 in the marketplace for motorcycles. AMA's concern was exacerbated by EPA's decision to require a 4-gallon minimum purchase where E15 was being dispensed from a common hose with other E10 fuels. EPA imposed this requirement to address concerns that residual fuel from an E15 sale would result in greater than E10 being dispensed to consumers not able to use E15. Many motorcycles have tanks less than 4-gallons.
- Q. E15 is illegal to use in motorcycle engines, what about E10?
- A. E10 has been approved for use in motorcycle engines. For decades, E10 has been used by motorcyclists as a safe and cost saving alternative to pure gasoline.
- Q. What is being done to assist the motorcycle industry with concerns about E15?
- A. RFA worked with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to address the AMA concern. In February, 2013, EPA approved an option promoted by the RFA that obviates the need for a 4-gallon minimum sale and assures the availability of E10 fuels for those engines that can't utilize the higher blend. The new configuration requires retailers to have at least one fueling position without E15; and to clearly identify this fueling position for those with small engines, lawnmowers and motorcycles. All other fueling positions will have labeling identifying those fueling positions as "for passenger vehicles only", and provide guidance to the non-E15 position.



Trending in the Motorcycle World!

Submitted By: Mary Kirkpatrick

Find article at: [Top 5 Motorcycle Trends - Riders Share](#)

What motorcycle trends are popular today? If we stare into the proverbial crystal ball, here's what we see happening in the motorcycle industry.

1. Rental Motorcycles in the Sharing Economy

Historically, renting a street bike has been an unnecessarily arduous and expensive process. *Riders Share*, hopes to simplify the experience with its easy peer-to-peer motorcycle rental service.

Riders Share functions as the middleman between would-be motorcycle renters and motorcycle owners. With thousands of street bikes available for rent, whether you're seeking a bike to ride for the day, or the week; renters can select the type of bike they desire, and the rate that best suits their budget.

For road bike owners, one of the benefits of renting your motorcycle with us is that **RS** will automatically insure your steed during rentals. Personal motorcycle insurance usually excludes damage coverage, let's say, if you rented your bike to a friend, or someone on Craigslist.

Here are some of the benefits of listing your motorcycle with RS:

- You control the rental rate and price
- Listing a motorcycle is free and easy
- Owners have total control over who can rent their vehicle
- The owner automatically receives insurance through *Riders Share's* insurance partner
- Make extra money when you're not riding your motorcycle

These are the benefits motorcycle renters receive:

- Wide selection of motorcycles of all makes, models, and types
- Lower rental prices—usually less than half of a traditional motorcycle rental company

2. More Women Are Riding Motorcycles

The Motorcycle Industry Council's annual survey at the tail end of 2018 found that female motorcycle ownership has reached 19 percent. That's nearly doubled in less than a decade!

The demographic is refreshingly young, with 26 percent of lady riders between the ages of 24 and 38. Women also spend more on their machines, including routine maintenance, fresh motorcycle tires, accessories, and performance upgrades, on average, compared to men. Men spend around \$497 on average, whereas women spend \$574.

3. The Year of the Adventure Super Off-Road

Millennials' preference for purchasing used rather than new motorcycles and the advancing age of boomer motor-

cyclists has been vexing manufacturers for some time. Faced with turning around a decade-long sales slump in the United States, manufacturers are trying a number of bold moves.

Adventure bikes are popular these days with the heavy-weight ADV rigs stealing sales from a number of other categories. In 2019, the overhauled BMW R 1250 GS Adventure will face competition from the more agile and less expensive KTM 790 Adventure and Moto Guzzi's V85 TT. Yamaha also released an entry in the form of the \$9,999 Ténéré 700. Triumph also offers its classically styled Scrambler 1200 XC and XE that perform very much like modern ADV bikes. Royal Enfield has entered the segment at the entry-level with its affordable Himalayan.

4. What Does the Future Hold for Electric Bikes?

Harley-Davidson was reeling from trade tariffs and remarks made by former President Donald Trump to boycott the brand, reportedly causing the manufacturer to suffer the worst drop in sales in eight years.

With an aging customer base and used Harley prices at a fraction of a new model, the Bar & Shield brand has taken some bold strides to modernize, with a new focus on electric vehicles.

Harley-Davidson is hoping to tap into a younger, more urban market with the release of the battery-powered LiveWire. It's sold as being able to go from zero to sixty in 3.5 seconds with a range of 110 miles, but Harley's loyal V-Twin audience may balk at its more quiet ride and limited range compared to a gasoline-powered bike.

Other Manufacturers Joining the E-Bike Foray

Harley-Davidson is far from the only manufacturer working on all-electric bikes. Yamaha has the leaning Motoroid in the works, Zero Motorcycles range of e-bikes is seeing a boost in horsepower and range, and there's even been an electric bike created entirely from 3D-printed parts.

5. Indian Motorcycle Continuing to Grow Its Model Lineup

Indian Motorcycle sales grew in the last quarter of 2018 even as other large displacement motorcycle sales dropped 10 percent. Things are about to heat up even more with Indian offering a fresh model lineup.

What's New at Indian Motorcycle

Many Indians now include a rear-cylinder deactivation to reduce engine heat at idle. Three way-adjustable ride-by-wire engine power modes allow you to tweak engine performance based on preference. The Roadmaster has new lower fairings that improve airflow. The Scout and Scout Bobber each gain a USB port near the speedo. Indian also made its FTR street tracker more road-friendly with a more conventional set of 17-inch wheels. Indian also redesigned its heavyweight Chief platform.



Top Cat's Road Captain Point System

By Michael Bradbury



We are blessed with road captains who lead interesting, enjoyable motorcycle rides and demonstrate some of the group riding safety principals that we promote within our club while sharing our Group Riding and Safety Seminar with other motorcycle groups to foster safe group for all riding in our communities.

Our club point system awards road captains who lead rides annually. The point system also recognizes tabulated scores during a road captains tenure and the yearly total applies for awards as well. Each year we award a road captain for most rides led, Most miles on rides led and most points for the year.

The point system was changed in July by our president to more accurately award our road captain's efforts. The latest change is the 3rd version of how the points are applied. Here are the 3 systems our club has and is using since it's formation in 1995.

	Current	2015 - 07/2021	1995 - 2015
Day Ride - 50 mile min. to 199 miles	1	1	1
Day Ride over 200 miles	2	2	
Multi Day	2 per day per ride	2 per day 1 point if over 50 miles	1.25
Charity Ride To Sturgis	1	2 per day	
Post Sturgis		2 per day	
Satellite Rides	0.5	0.5	0.5

The total points during a road captains "career" are shown in this next table: These points apply to the total awards using the table following this one. As you can see, Bard Board is the most awarded road captain in our club and deservedly so since he has led our club's premier ride to Sturgis every year since 1995.

#	Previous Carry Over	Points	Points To Date		
4	Boand, Bard	111	12	123	Commitment to Excellence
5	Bradbury, Mike	63	7	70	Gold Shining Star
10	Case, Ric	15	0	15	Silver
77	DeLordo, Don	13	1	14	
74	Kirkpatrick, Mary	15	0	15	Silver
32	Kirkpatrick, Wayne	97	14	111	Commitment To Excellence
44	Makarewicz, Ted	15	0	15	
80	Malia, Tom	1	2	3	
78	Purcell, Jim	10	0	10	Silver
56	Gold Shining Star	46	0	46	update with 2015 added
66	Smith, Greg	35	0	35	Gold
TOTALS		412	36	448	



RC Awards, Continued

Road Captains Awards

Bronze	5
Silver	10
Gold	20
Gold Shining Star	40
Commitment to Excellence	80
Above & Beyond	160

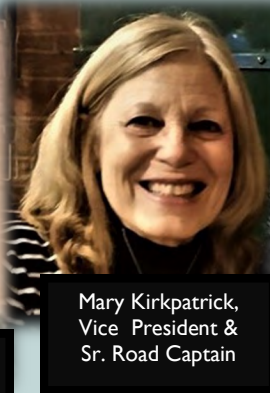
Top Cats - Illinois point system is another way the club recognizes and shows our appreciation for our Road Captains efforts when leading rides. As a Road Captain, I am rewarded in many ways such as discovering neat routes, organizing them with interesting destinations and stops plus getting positive feedback from the riders. But I sure do appreciate how the club also recognizes what I have done and know I am not alone in that appreciation.



Gene Rigsby, President & Sr. Road Captain



Wayne Kirkpatrick, Past President & Sr. Road Captain



Mary Kirkpatrick, Vice President & Sr. Road Captain



Don DeLordo, Treasurer & Road Captain



Ted Makarewicz, Director & Road Captain



Ric Case, Director & Sr. Road Captain



Greg Smith, Director & Sr. Road Captain



Mike Bradbury, Committee Chair & Sr. Road Captain



Bard Boand, Sr. Road Captain



Tom Malia, Road Captain



Jim Purcell, Road Captain



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2021

Respectfully Submitted
by: Diana Lanute



President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- 7:00 pm, Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Guests – Victoria Walls, guest of Joey Rizzo
- Announcements
 - ◆9/4 - Wayne and Mary Kirkpatrick's Anniversary
 - ◆9/11 - Birthday- Mary Kirkpatrick

V.P.: Mary Kirkpatrick

•Mary thanked Gene for his sunrise ride to Lake Michigan. The group was chilled by the early morning but was warmed with a very scenic and enjoyable ride.

Past President : Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne informed the members that Joe Rabanis had a motorcycle accident while riding in Michigan.
- Chuck Prettyman called Wayne to say he had two Top Cat flags; and these will be picked up by Wayne.
- Ozzie Giglio, owner of Windy City Harley has implemented the policy of no discounts to employees or customers.

Safety: Ric Case

- RC award program is being reviewed and adjusted to more fairly reward the road Captains.
- Kaution Korner: Greg Smith**
 - ◆Fall Riding Season has Arrived! Watch out for leaves, even though they appear dry on top, they can be wet or mushy underneath! Fall brings hazard of cold tires and mating season of deer. Full article can be read in the ROAR.
- Safety Video: MC RIDER, Ride Along: Trucks will get you!



Membership: Ted Makarawicz

- Membership drive ideas

Activities: Greg Smith and Jim Purcell

- Recent activities
 - ◆9/4 - Sunrise Ride - Rigsby
- Future activities
 - ◆9/12- No-Galena Ride (lets try it again) - Malia
NEED MORE RIDES!!!!

Products: Ted Makarewicz

- Get your gear now!!

Meeting Adjourned by Gene Rigsby at 7:55



BOARD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

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a. Meeting called to order

Immediate needs – Victoria Wells' application was received, no check enclosed.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Open topic – Top Cats' historic club gavel and two spot was in boxes held in storage by Gene. Also, discussed archived material. The Barrington Library has our information, but it is difficult to access.

VP: Mary Kirkpatrick

- V. P. opening at next election.

Activities: Greg Smith

- Blast and calendar reviewed.
- Calendar review - Sept/Oct, etc. reviewed.

Safety/RC: Ric Case

- Mentor report process update
- RC ride point review
- Accident Scene Management with Motorcycle Lawyers (\$30). Ric Will start planning a Date

Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz, Excused. Report given by Gene Rigsby and Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Membership application review – Victoria Well, Ric nominated her as Ted was absent. After discussion the membership was approved pending payment. New Membership process will begin upon receipt of payment.
- Membership drive ideas – Membership ideas that are in place will continue to be used. We will continue to pass out our brochures and discuss options with others on rides and in social settings. No new ideas at this time.
- Product embroidery blast – There is a possible source locally for small job embroidery, such as 10 hats, priced reasonably.

Charity and Awards: Mike Bradbury

- Open topic – Awards Banquet – February or March? Mike Bradbury requested a \$250 deposit for the Onion Pub and Restaurant. Amount voted on and approved.

Treasury: Don Delordo, Excused.

- Report/review – By Gene for Don DeLordo in his absence.
- Discussed payment of insurance bill by Don DeLordo and what the policy covers.

Secretary: Diana Lanute

- To follow up on local source for small job embroidery orders.

Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm by Top Cats President, Gene Rigsby

NOTE: on 23 September, Prinya Bunyasanand submitted his application and payment. An E-mail vote was held and he was unanimously accepted on 24 September. Ted will begin the process of adding him to our Roster and membership.



Smile!



"Let's just say we're having a tough time letting go of the motorcycle season."



October Birthdays and Anniversaries!



12—Rick Agrimonte
22 - Ric Case
30 - Gene Rigsby

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities for
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October's Love Stories..

10 - Rick and Loni Agrimonte
25 - Ric and Jacquie Case



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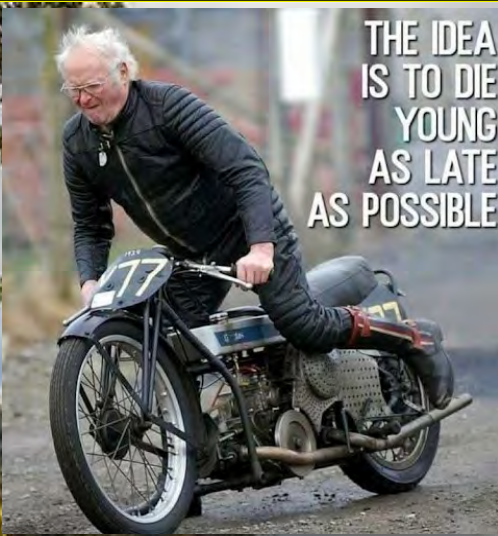


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RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Saturday, October 2nd	Sunset Ride	Circle K at Lake Cook and 12	Dockers, Fox Lake	2:30 pm	Smith
Tuesday, October 5th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, October 12th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Saturday, October 16th	Haunted Picnic Ride	Various	Rigsby's Home	10:-00 am	Rigsby
Sunday, October 17th	GRASS CLASS	TBD	TBD	8:00 am	Case
Sat-Sun October 23rd - 24th	Rustic Road Migration	Shell Station SE Corner Peterson and Rte 45	Maysville, Wis	9:00 am	M Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, November 2nd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, November 9th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Saturday, November 20th	Steaksgiving	Janesville	Prime Quarter	4:00 p,	M Kirkpatrick

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



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