



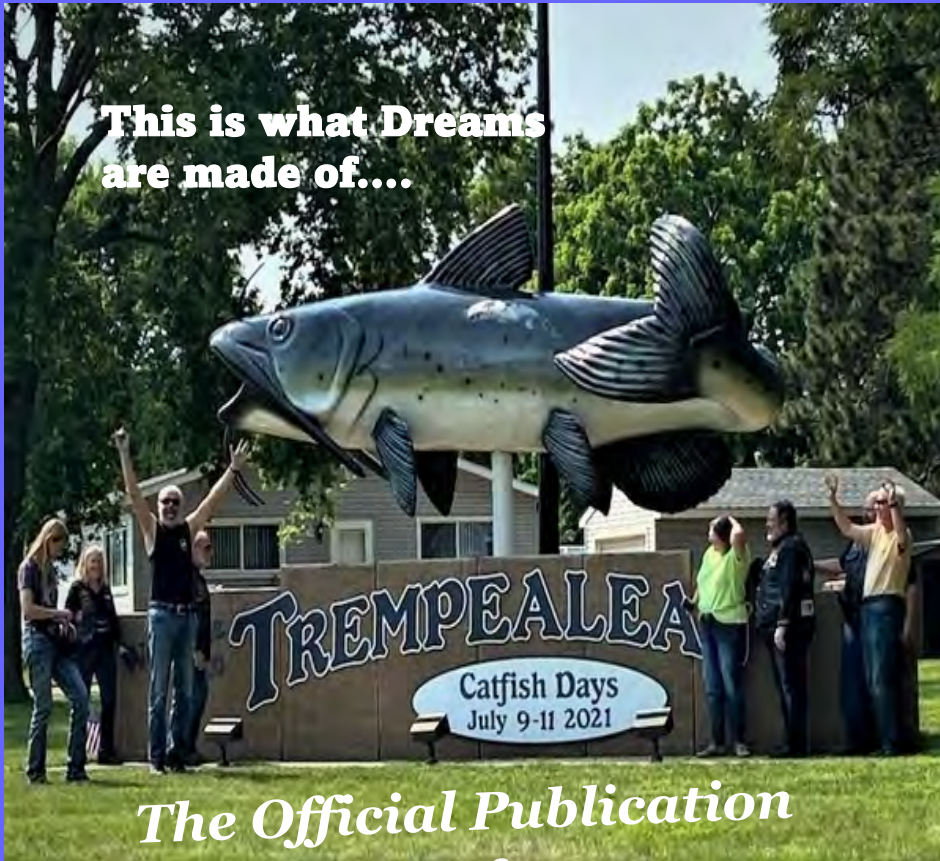
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Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- 5 TOYS FOR TOTS
- 7 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 PRIME QUARTER
- 14 BOARD MEETING

JANUARY

- 4 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 BOARD MEETING

Talk to Greg Smith and Rick Agrimonte to 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 enjoyed Thanksgiving and took advantage of the milder weather to get out and ride between all the eating and football.

What's the best way to stay socially distanced...? With your helmet on!!

The annual NISRA fashion show was November 20th. It was awesome, as usual! We SOLD OUT our table very quick this year. If you didn't have an opportunity to attend but wanted to, let Jim Wiesman or I know, and we can get you on the list for next year.

Ted's annual, Toys for Tots run is December 5th. The blast was sent with RSVP details, so get in touch with Ted, get your toy donation ready and get ready for some great food.



2021 elections are this month. So, make sure you are at the December General meeting so you can get your votes in. The list of positions up for vote has been out for your review. If you are ready to get involved and support your club with your time and ideas, you can volunteer for a position on a committee and still chip in.

Speaking of chipping in... A BIG THANKS to Andy Haszlkiewicz for taking on the role of Top Cats Sergeant at Arms. Tell him thanks when you see him at the next meeting. Keep in mind, our club runs from the hands of it's members. We have NO paid staff to "just handle it". Only good folks who think our club is worth the extra effort.

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

It would be great to hear from you. Let me know how you are keeping busy.

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



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

December Birthdays and Anniversaries!

17 - Emil Kornecki

No December Love Stories for Top Cats!

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

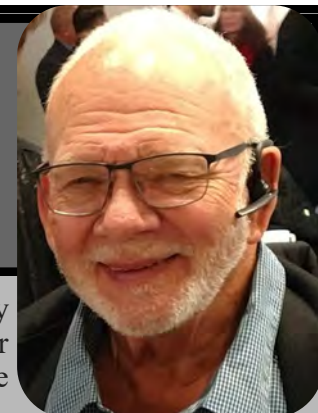




KAUTION KORNER

Stay Safe, Stay Ready and See You Soon!

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Stay Safe, Stay Ready and See You Soon!

AWAKENING THE RIDER

SLOW SPEED CONE WEAVE
SETUP: Place cones 12 feet apart in a straight line
GOAL: Weave between cones, keeping your balance and controlling your speed

FIGURE 8S
SETUP: Identify an area to make two 30-foot circles
GOAL: Hone your figure-8-riding skills

QUICK STOP STRAIGHT LINE
SETUP: Choose an open space in a parking lot, place a cone in the 1 and 2 positions, 20 feet apart. Begin braking at cone 1 and stop before cone 2
GOAL: Stop quickly and successfully before the cone at the end. Practice at 15 mph



RIDE SAFE and VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!



The most important thing we do in Top Cats is safe riding. The second most important thing we do is smart voting. Our riding season has been a safe one and now it's time to vote in our annual Club elections.

UPDATE: Nominations are closed and, for the 2022 - 2024 term, consistent with our By Laws, we have the following five fully qualified candidates:

I. Vice President (2022-2024): Ric Case (Unopposed)

Requirements for Vice President

1. Be a Full Member in good standing for 3 consecutive years prior to the date of the election.
2. Have served as a committee chairperson for one year or have served a minimum of one year in any Board position.

II. Secretary (2022-2024): Diana Lanute (Incumbent) (Unopposed)

Requirements for Secretary

1. Have been a Full Member in good standing for 1 year prior to the date of the election.
2. Have no history of disciplinary action.

III. Treasurer (2020-2021): Don DeLordo (Incumbent) (Unopposed)

Requirements for Treasurer

1. Have been a Full Member in good standing for 1 year prior to the date of the election.
2. Have no history of disciplinary action.

IV. Two Directors (2022 - 2024): Mike Bradbury (Incumbent) (Unopposed), Rich Lanute (Unopposed)

Requirements for Director

1. Be a Full member in good standing for 12 months prior to the date of election.
2. Have served as a committee member for one year or have served a minimum of one year in any Board position.

Nominations for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors were accepted up to 12 November.

Nominees were vetted for eligibility and the slate was reviewed and approved by our Board in November. Voting will take place at our 7 December general meeting and our new Board will take office on 1 January 2022. Our voting procedure will be a voice vote of confirmation with the results published in our January 2022 issue of ROAR.



Oil Spots By Traveler



New shoulder-camera view puts viewers right in the action



MotoGP makes capturing footage for television coverage uniquely difficult. There have been on-bike cameras for years, but now MotoGP has figured out how to safely body-mount a camera in the left shoulder of a rider's leathers. The footage highlights just how much body movement these riders are doing over the course of a lap. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRzjfWufla4>

Helmet-mounted cameras are cumbersome and illegal in most motorcycle racing or track-day organizations. Front- or rear-facing cameras accurately record on-track action, but those angles rarely captured just how physical this sport is. This video also takes an interesting look at the rider's left hand, which is tasked with a multitude of functions from electronics settings adjustment to a thumb-controlled rear-brake.



New airbag being developed for motorcycles, scooters



Autoliv, Inc. and the Piaggio Group are collaborating to develop an airbag for powered two-wheelers.

An agreement was signed for the purpose of developing airbags to provide protection for two-wheeler riders. The airbags will be mounted on the vehicle frame and will deploy in milliseconds.

The popularity of powered two-wheelers continues to rise, due to widespread urbanization and to the practicality and ease of use of powered two-wheelers.

“Autoliv is committed to providing world class life-saving solutions for mobility and society. The development of these products is an important step towards our goal of saving 100,000 lives a year by 2030,” said Mikael Bratt, CEO and president of Autoliv.

Autoliv has developed the initial concepts with advanced simulation tools and conducted full-scale crash tests.

Autoliv will now work with the Piaggio Group to develop the product further and potentially commercialize the concept.

Winter Wheels at Quad Cities Museum



Winter Wheels: Antique Motorcycle Exhibition runs from Nov. 13, 2021 to April 3, 2022. This community-curated exhibition features vintage, classic and antique motorcycles of all makes and models, all displayed at the Putnam Museum and Science Center, the Quad Cities' Smithsonian Institution Affiliate.

“From the beginning, Winter Wheels was meant as a celebration of the motorcycle by showcasing bikes of all shapes and sizes, and our community has not disappointed,” Putnam Vice President of Museum Experiences Benjamin Johnson said. “We are extremely excited to host this collaboratively curated exhibition of two-wheel history. Owners from across the Quad Cities and beyond have generously supported this exhibition, and we can't wait to share this fun assortment of machines with our visitors.”

This exhibition features motorcycles loaned by motorcycle enthusiasts from all over the region.

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Oil Spots, continued...

Limited-edition merchandise will also be available in the Putnam Museum Store. Visitors will walk away feeling an appreciation for the engineering, preservation and artistry of vintage motorcycles.



“The new exhibit is a great example of what the

Putnam does best — collaborating across our community and blending history, culture and technology to showcase these amazing machines,” Putnam President/CEO Rachael Mullins said. “We hope this exhibit will spark a passion in a new generation of motorheads!”

Exhibit admission is included in the price of general admission, which is \$9 for adults, \$8 for youth (ages 3 to 18), seniors, college students and military.

For more information, visit <https://www.putnam.org/exhibits/winter-wheels-antique-motorcycle-exhibition>. For groups, or to plan your visit, call (563) 324-1933.

Harley – Davidson partners with United Way

From toy drives to charity rides, Harley-Davidson motorcycle riders have a strong history with giving back to their communities.



In honor of this commitment to community during the holiday season, Harley-Davidson Foundation is partnering with United Way Worldwide to help put every person on a path towards financial empowerment.

For each holiday tradition shared on personal social media using the #MyHarleyTradition, Harley-Davidson Foundation will donate \$10 USD to United Way Worldwide, for up to \$50,000 USD in total worldwide donations.

United Way Worldwide is on a global mission to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of com-

munities to advance the health, education and financial stability of people around the world. The solutions they create through these partnerships are designed to be long-term, sustainable programs that have a lasting effect on the community.

Winners of J&P Cycles Custom Bike Show

Winners of the 11th annual J&P Cycles Ultimate Builder Custom Bike Show. The event series wrapped the 2021 tour in Costa Mesa, California, holding a bonus round of the competition and selecting winners and runners-up that will qualify for the 2022 championship.

“The competition in Southern California was an excellent ending to an incredible year,” said Tracy Harris, senior vice president of



Progressive IMS Outdoors. “The raw talent and pure passion these builders infuse into their custom bikes is remarkable, and we applaud everyone who participated. We’re proud to celebrate the hard work and artistry these builders put into their bikes and showcase the creative side of our sport.”

Winners of the Custom Street, Custom Classic and Freestyle categories took home \$500 to \$1,000 in cash from Progressive IMS Outdoors, plus prizes from Black Flys sunglasses. The People’s Choice winner received a pair of Black Flys sunglasses in addition to \$500, courtesy of Gasoline and Coffee.

All Southern California prizes were provided by Arlen Ness, Vance and Hines, Rinehart Racing, Black Flys sunglasses, and Gasoline and Coffee.

Winners from the Southern California round include:

Custom Classic Winner

Jon MacDowell took home first place with a 1967 Triumph stripped-down TR6R hard tail. The bike featured front and rear running Shinko 705 tires, dual Amal carbs with hard lines,

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Oil Spots, continued...

custom drag bars and footboards, a foot clutch with a jockey shift and cupronickel hard lines. The low-brow oil tank includes a modified original triumph gas tank with a Joe Hunt magneto, a Patina frame



and antiqued brass and aluminum parts.

Custom Street Winner



Mikey Loko won with a 2017 Harley-Davidson Street Glide with a Rose Gold Bagger.

Freestyle Winner



Mark Shell secured first place with a 2018 completely custom bike that featured a custom floorboard shifter and brake, and titanium pipes. The

custom paint was done by Creative Auto.

People's Choice



Lily Karapetyan secured the People's Choice award with a 2019 Harley-Davidson Softail Slim, with all body work performed with fiberglass,

added bags and fairing, LED lights, raised handlebars and a custom seat. The bike was custom painted by Karapetyan.

How to Renew a Motorcycle License in Illinois

Submitted by: Traveler

An Illinois motorcycle license renewal is important because it allows you to continue using that license to operate a motorcycle in the state. If you fail to renew your license before it expires, you may face consequences



for driving illegally which can include receiving a ticket from law enforcement. A motorcycle endorsement renewal is to be completed at the same time that you renew your regular driver's license for an additional fee.

When to Renew a Motorcycle License

Renewing a license must happen before the license expires in order to avoid penalties. Each license has an expiration date printed on the card, and the exact length of time that your license is valid for depends on your age.

It is your responsibility to be aware of how long your license is valid for so that you can renew it before the expiration. The periods for regular and motorcycle licenses in Illinois are as follows:

- ◆ Drivers younger than the age of 21: License will expire three months after 21st
- ◆ Drivers age 21 – 80: License is valid for four years and will expire on birthday.
- ◆ Drivers age 81 – 86: License is valid for two years.
- ◆ Drivers age 87 and older: License is valid for one year.

The earliest that you can renew a four-year or two-year motorcycle license is up to one year before the expiration date. The earliest that you can renew a one-year license is up to six months before the expiration date.

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ML Renewal continued...

A motorcycle endorsement renewal can be completed after the expiration date, although keep in mind that driving with an expired license can lead to serious consequences

Eligibility for Motorcycle License Renewal

One of the motorcycle renewal requirements that must be met in order for a renewal to be completed includes having a valid license with an M or L motorcycle classification that was issued by the State of Illinois. Also, you must renew during the appropriate time frame before your license expires, as covered in the section above.

There are documents required to renew a motorcycle license in IL depending on the renewal method you choose. It is important that you understand what they are so that you can be prepared. In order to renew in-person, you must provide your expiring driver's license with the motorcycle endorsement to the Secretary of State office.

Instances When You Cannot Renew Your Motorcycle License

You cannot renew a bike license if your license has been suspended or revoked. Also, you cannot renew if it is earlier than one year before your two-year or four-year license expires, or if it is earlier than six months before your one-year license expires. Lastly, if your license has been stolen, lost or damaged, you cannot process a renewal and you must instead request a replacement.

How to Renew an Illinois Motorcycle License Online

You can only renew a motorcycle classification online if you receive a notice in the mail that states that you qualify for an online renewal as part of the Safe Driver program. You will typically receive this renewal notice approximately 60 to 90 days before your license expires. To renew online, you must do the following:

1. Visit the website listed.
2. Provide your authorization number on your renewal form.
3. Pay the renewal fee.

How to Renew an Illinois Motorcycle License by Mail

You can also renew your motorcycle license through the mail if you are eligible. Your eligibility is based on whether or not you received a notice in the mail that states a renewal by mail is an option for you. To renew via mail, you must do the following:

1. Fill out the information requested on the renewal notice.
2. Provide payment for the renewal.
3. Mail the form and payment to the address listed.

How to Renew an Illinois Motorcycle License in Person

1. Everyone is eligible to renew in person, even if you are not able to renew online or by mail. To renew in person, you must do the following:

1. Visit your Secretary of State office.
2. Present your current license.
3. Pass a vision exam.
4. Take a written exam and/or driving exam, if required.
5. Pay the applicable renewal fees.

Once you complete the renewal process, you will be presented with a temporary license that is valid for 90 days. You can expect to receive your new license within a few weeks' time.

Illinois Motorcycle License Costs

In Illinois, you renew your motorcycle classification when you renew your regular license, so you are responsible for both your regular renewal fee and an additional fee of \$5.00 for the M or L classification. The license renewal costs are as follows:

- ◆ Motorcycle – Renewal M or L classification: \$5.00
- ◆ Driver's License – Basic: \$30.00
- ◆ Driver's License – Persons age 18-20: \$5.00
 - ◆ Driver's License – Persons age 21-68: \$30.00
 - ◆ Driver's License – Persons age 69-80: \$5.00
 - ◆ Driver's License – Persons age 81-86: \$2.00
 - ◆ Driver's License – Persons age 87 and older: Free





Time to Winterize your Bike! Or... Some Good Advice for Whenever YOUR Riding Season is Over!

Full Text available at: [PartZilla](http://PartZilla.com)
[How to Winterize Your Motorcycle | Partzilla.com](http://HowtoWinterizeYourMotorcycle|Partzilla.com)

1. Treat the Fuel System

Treating your fuel system is something to think about on your last ride of the year. Pick up a bottle of fuel stabilizer and follow the directions to get the right amount in the tank. Then, top off your fuel for the ride home. This allows the stabilizer and the fuel to mix up in the gas tank, keeping the ethanol from gumming up your fuel system.

2. Wash, Wax and Treat Your Motorcycle

Road grime and water spots can ruin painted surfaces, and who knows what else is lingering on your bike that can damage its components. Wash and wax your motorcycle, and spray lubricant on metal surfaces to protect them from moisture before storing it for the winter. If you have leather on your bike, a good leather treatment will keep it supple while your machine is inactive.

3. Change the Oil on Your Motorcycle

A large part of preparing a motorcycle for long-term storage involves getting the engine ready for extended hibernation. **Old oil** can be acidic, and take its toll on engine parts during the winter. It's a good idea to change the oil and filter on your motorcycle before you put it away for the winter.

4. Coat Piston and Cylinder Walls with Oil

While doing your oil change, remove the plug wires and spark plugs, and put a spoonful of fresh oil down in the cylinder. While the plugs are still out, put the bike in gear and spin the rear tire a couple of times to turn the engine over, and coat the pistons and cylinder walls. Some oil will squirt out of the spark plug holes, so be ready for that. Re-install your plugs and plug wires when everything is coated.

5. Lube Your Motorcycle

Any point where there is movement between two parts is a place where moisture can build up and do some damage to your bike. The chain drive, control handles, and cables should all be protected with lube. Make sure you also oil around the suspension system on the front forks. Get on your bike and bounce the front end up and down to work the lube into the seals in the suspension system.

6. Disconnect Your Motorcycle Battery

There are two schools of thought here, and it's entirely up to you. Some people prefer to disconnect their battery and remove it from the bike. Others make use of a Battery

Tender to maintain the charge throughout the winter months. Where you're storing the bike might play a role in which path you choose. If the bike is stored indoors, you might want to use the Battery Tender. However, if you're storing the motorcycle outside, you may simply want to remove the battery.

7. Winterize Your Motorcycle Fuel System

We recommended adding a fuel stabilizer to your fuel tank and filling it up with fresh fuel. However, you will also want to get the fuel out of the carburetor. To do this, close the fuel petcock to turn off flow to the carburetor, and then consult your manual to find the drain screws to get the gasoline out of the float bowls. If you're winterizing a fuel-injected motorcycle, you're in luck: there's nothing to drain.

8. Check Your Motorcycle Coolant Levels

You should flush your coolant system every two years anyway, but if your bike is going to be stored outside where temperatures drop below freezing, make sure there's enough antifreeze in its cooling system. Never use water to winterize the cooling system, because it freezes and can seriously damage heads. Instead, make sure you use an antifreeze specially designed for motorcycles.

9. Care for Your Motorcycle Tires

Like any other part of your motorcycle, the tires are not immune to damage over the winter. If you have a motorcycle stand, getting the tires off the ground helps to prevent flat-spotting. If you don't have a stand, use plywood or carpet under the tires to protect them from moisture. Park your bike away from ozone-creating appliances such as freezers and furnaces, which can create gasses that damage rubber on the tires and elsewhere on your bike.

10. Plug Up Openings on Your Motorcycle

Openings like exhaust pipes or intakes can house insects or rodents setting up camp for the winter. There are actually some specially made exhaust plugs for the openings on your motorcycle, or you can use plastic as well. Don't forget the plugs are in there when you're ready to ride again, as they can seriously damage your motorcycle if left on.

11. Think About Security

Make security decisions based on where your bike is being stored. Typically, storing the bike outside poses the greatest risk in terms of security, so you'll want to take precautions. There are chains, locks and other motorcycle theft deterrents available to keep your machine safe.

12. Use a Motorcycle Cover

Whether your motorcycle is being stored indoors or out, a motorcycle cover is always a great idea. The cover is almost a necessity outdoors to protect your motorcycle from the weather, but even in a garage, vehicle covers help protect your machine against dirt and dust.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2ND, 2021

Respectfully Submitted
by: Diana Lanute

President's Section - Gene Rigsby

- ◆ 7:00 pm, Meeting called to order
- ◆ The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- ◆ No Guests this evening

Announcements

11/5 - Mike Bradbury 11/9 - Jim Purcell
 11/20 - Rich & Diana Lanute Honorable mention - (17 Kathie B, 18 Doug Jackson)



V.P - Mary Kirkpatrick

The ROAR will be out tomorrow.

Past President – Wayne Kirkpatrick

Elections:

- ◆ Two directors: Mike Bradbury –
 Ric Case – has been nominated for V.P.
 Secretary: Diana Lanute will run again.
 Treasurer: Don DeLordo will run again
 V.P.: Open.
- ◆ To be a Director or Board member: Must be a Top Cats member for one year/or a Committee member for one year.
- ◆ Nominations open until Friday, November 12, 2021.

Safety - Ric Case

- ◆ Accident review – **Mike Bradbury** – How to be more safe: 1) Slow down – This increases reaction time. 2) Get in the center lane.
- ◆ Kaution Korner – **Mary Kirkpatrick**– Review of how to think safely if you are going to be a motorcyclist. Accidents are 30X higher for motorcyclists, and involve alcohol, no helmet, and intersections.

Safety Video – Ric Case – Gene Rigsby presented video for Ric Case.

Motorcycle Braking: Front vs Rear - When & Why
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHhRZLHA-cA&t=2s>

Membership – Ted Makarewicz

- ◆ New members announcement – None Membership drive ideas? – None.

Activities – Jim Purcell (ABS)/ Greg Smith (ABS) – Read by Gene Rigsby

Recent activities

- ◆ 10/16 Haunted Picnic ride – Rigsby – We had good weather for this ride and all who attended had fun!
- ◆ Top Cats purchased a table for 12 at the NISRA fashion show.

Future activities – Ric Case

- ◆ 11/20 NISRA fashion show - Case
 - ◆ 12/5 - Toys for Tots Event - Ted M – First Sunday in December. Start time 9:30am with breakfast at a Polish restaurant.
- ⇒ Wayne discussed the upcoming Stand To Event on 13 November 2021 at Woodstock Harley-Davidson. There will be a guest speaker, Table Ceremony, followed by a luncheon.
- ⇒ Sturgis 2022 overview given by Bard Board.

Products: Get your gear now!! - Ted Makarewicz

- ◆ Embroidery ideas – Diana's daughter can do our embroidery work; Rich spoke about Gina's sewing and alterations business. Shirt order discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8pm by Gene Rigsby.



BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 9TH, 2021

Respectfully Submitted
by: Diana Lanute

President's Section - Gene Rigsby

Meeting called to order 7:07pm.
Immediate needs? None.

Past President - Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ Election slate approval – Vetted and qualified nominees must be in good standing with attendance, dues paid and a current GRASS class status.
- ◆ There is no absentee voting in the nomination approval process.
- ◆ Nominations -
 - ⇒ VP – Ric Case
 - ⇒ Treasurer – Don DeLordo
 - ⇒ Secretary – Diana Lanute
 - ⇒ Director – Mike Bradbury
 - ⇒ Director – Richard Lanute
 - ⇒ Motion to approve nominations made by Mike Bradbury, seconded by Ted Makarewicz.

VP - Mary Kirkpatrick

Open discussion

Activities – Greg Smith

- ◆ Future Events
- ◆ Blast and calendar review
- ◆ Calendar review – Ted to send out blast on Toys For Tots Ride.
- ◆ Top Cats 2021 Banquet to be held Feb 26 2022.
- ◆ Wayne comments that Woodstock Harley Davidson must get our event on their corporate calendar for support.

Safety/RC - Ric Case

- ◆ Accident Scene Management class with Motorcycle Lawyers (\$30).
- ◆ Start planning with Rolling Thunder – Reach out to Rich Lanute or Paul Hebein.

Membership/Products – Ted Makarewicz

Membership drive ideas – We should go out of our way to mentor.

Charity – Mike Bradberry

Updates/changes – Ride to Volo will be 6/12/2022. Mary to contact owner regarding our charity ride; can he reduce cost to us? Brian is the director of Volo Museum.

Treasury - Don DeLordo (Absent)

Report/review – Gene reports we have a balance from charity. We have a \$50 donation from Mark Sullivan.

Secretary – Diana Lanute

No report.

New Business:

- ◆ Wayne commented on our website – We need to do early advertising on our website.
- ◆ Website maintenance is \$300/year.
- ◆ Mike Bradbury inquired regarding 50/50 and our Sergeant at Arms: Will Andy H. accept the position of Sergeant at Arms? Gene will get in touch with Andy.

Meeting Adjourned - Gene Rigsby



Happy Holidays!



May all of your Holiday Traditions bring you Many Special Memories...

And May we be able to share those memories when we gather together again!

Finally.... May we ride from April to December in 2022!



Thanks for the Memories!

V.P.'s Vision

By: Mary 'Trooper' Kirkpatrick

Well, my time as the Vice President of this great club is coming to a close. I've enjoyed working alongside of Gene who is a very strong and steady leader and is not ruffled by the tides of change. His vision for the direction of the club is filled with riding, adventure, safety and camaraderie. He works responsibly to keep us all 'moving'!

I've enjoyed riding with all of you as one of the 'senior' officers of the club. It was an honor to help when needed, motivate when the opportunity arose, support through thought, word and deed... Knowing that the club could operate without me there, but enjoying the club operating WITH me there...

The pictures of our rides always include smiles and laughter. People...friends who have become family. Hearing the stories of past glories, present challenges and future hopes brought a familiarity and comfort that added to the enjoyment of every ride!

I will enjoy the continuation of all of this, but from a back seat. I know that those planning and making choices for the future of this club will ensure that the quality is maintained. I will enjoy planning rides and working on the activities of the group, hopefully WITH many of you! And.. The main event that is close to my heart, the *Ride for Dreams*, will still have my focus for the next years. Please consider working on this with me too!

The energy, joy and adventure that I have enjoyed with all of you these past few years will

continue, but I'll be going in a new direction. But some things will continue as always.. Our Club is strong and filled with creative and dedicated people! Thank you for all you do to make us all proud to be a TOP CAT!

Real Estate will be keeping me busy and I'm excited to get going... Please, think of me if you have any thoughts of moving. This new direction is a great way to keep me growing and 'staying young' by learning new things.

Finally, my wish for you in this last 'VP 's Vision'....

May God Bless you as you enjoy a beautiful Season of Giving with Friends, Family and all that makes your heart Merry and Bright!





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RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Sunday, December 5th	Toys for Tots	Copernicus Foundation	Lane Tech H.S.	9:30 pm	Makarewicz
Tuesday, December 7th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Saturday, December 11th	Prime Quarter	Janesville, Wisconsin	PQ, Janesville	3:30 pm	M Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, December 14th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, January 4th	General Meeting	Alley 64	Palatine	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, January 11th	Board Meeting	Alley 64	Palatine	7:00 pm	Rigsby

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



Barrington Library

Location and Hours

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Barrington, IL 60010

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FREE ADVERTISING in ROAR for TOP CATS Business Owners

Attention all Top Cats business owners!

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

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

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



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