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No... it's not a dream!
We'll be riding soon!



*Ansel would have had to do a
lot of work to improve on this picture!*

Upcoming Events

APRIL

- 5 GENERAL MEETING
- 12 BOARD MEETING
- 16 ACCIDENT SCENE
MANAGEMENT
- 23 KICK OFF RIDE!

MAY

- 3 GENERAL MEETING
- 10 BOARD MEETING
- 22 ON ANY SUNDAY MUSEUM

Talk to Greg Smith and
Rick Agrimonte and
get your ideas on the
calendar!





PRESIDENT'S POINT

And Now a Word from your President...



Hello Top Cats!!

I hope you and your families are well and preparing for the spring riding season, which is right around the corner.

What's the best way to stay socially distanced...? In the garage running through T-CLOCKS and checking your gear, of course!!

Our March general meeting is on meteorological spring and our kick-off ride is already on the calendar for April. Look it up now and plan to attend.

This year is shaping up to be a great riding year.



Aside from our old tried and true favorites, there are some newer favorites that are resurfacing as well as new themes and locations to experience. Keep a watch for the blasts and check the Top Cats calendar so you can save the dates ASAP.

In the meantime, as spring bounces us on the usual temperature rollercoaster, we have several activities to keep us busy, dry, warm and provide us opportunities to enjoy being with your Top Cats family. Again, look out for blasts and check the calendar for details of these events.

The season is almost upon us, so be ready!!!

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" Rigsby

KAUTION KORNER

THE TIME IS COMING....ARE YOU READY?

By: Gene 'Lucky' Rigsby
Senior Road Captain



"It's that time... to take out and shake out your bike and yourself and get ready for your (our) first group ride"

Most every early or pre-riding season article I've seen is about preparing your bike, prepping yourself and starting off slowly to rebuild the muscle and mental memory to get moving at a higher speed, safely on the road again. This article will be no different as it is a very important process in kicking the riding season off right, and with our kick off ride quickly approaching, the time to prepare is now. Just like any other ride during

the season, the RC will expect everyone attending the first ride of the season to be prepared mechanically, physically and mentally, and this article will help you get there.

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Kaution Korner, Continued

First. Let's talk about your bike and getting your bike out of storage and ready to ride:

Just a quick note to all that may winter store their bike with a dealer and have the bike prepped or "summarized" so they just have to pick it up and go. Great if you do, but I would warn you to trust but verify. I know some of our club members have had out of storage issues, so keep in mind that no matter how good the service is from your dealer, people make mistakes and remembering it is your rump on that seat and maybe even a with loved one, and let's not forget about a whole group of club members you may be riding with for your first ride... That's not a risk I would like to take or have taken with me riding in the group.

I do not dealer store/prep, so this is what I need to do to get my bike ready.

By the way, some of the items in the "Obvious" list are part of T-CLOC(S/K), which is a great tool for getting and keeping your bike in top riding condition through the season, but I added important notes here in case you didn't get that far down in the article ☺

Addressing your bike -

Start off with some obvious items like:

- Coverings – Remove all covers or plugs you may have used to keep dust off and pests out
- Look for leaks – Check for leaks BEFORE you move your bike from it's winter storage area. If you noticed any spots on the floor you may want to trace the leak to it's origin and repair the cause. Look over the shocks and forks as well.
- Tip: If you think you have a leak but it is hard to determine new spots from old spots on your floor, place a cut open brown paper bag, under your bike to help highlight new leaks.
- Battery – Install and check charge level is good. Charge, "jump" or replace as needed. Reset electronics as needed. I would recommend Battery +. They will test the old one and install the new one for free (won't take a tip either)
- Gas – Top off if not already and run some fresh fuel into the fuel system
- Oil and lubes – Check levels or change as needed
- Wash – A good time to wash as you may have items that you remove for storage (I do)
- Inspect for loose parts – You can do this as you wash as you are touching all the parts anyway
- Replace add-ons – Now that the wash is done...

But I would not recommend adding new things at this point. Wait until after you have had a chance to ride the bike first and make sure nothing is broken. Then when you add the new thing, if something does not work, you can somewhat safely assume it is because of the new thing or the work to get the new thing on, rather than an out of storage issue.

After you have your bike out of storage but before ride:

Performing a T-CLOCS or T-CLOCK review is a great way to start examining your bike. As all bikes are different, you must look up the proper specs and adjustments for your bike. There is a lot of online help if you need a hand getting started.

T-CLOCS/T-CLOCK is:

Tires or Wheels

Controls

Lights

Oils

Chassis

Stands / Kick-Stands

This is also a good time to look over and try on your gear so you don't find a "gotcha's" when getting ready for or out on, your first group ride.

Now to get yourself ready-

After you have your bike in riding shape, take your bike out for a short ride (alone and without the bike loaded down) to see if anything seems out of place or adjustment and address. When all is ready, you need to take some time ramping up your riding complexity to get really reacquainted with your bike. Then add your normal load and then a passenger if you want, all before you dedicate yourself to a group ride.

I know this sounds like a lot to do before getting out on your (our) first group ride but keep in mind that this is as important as having everyone in our club (and for that matter, as many other folks in the riding community) attend G.R.A.S.S. on a regular basis for the safety of the group, and I believe you would expect this same level of preparation from other folks attending our (or any other) rides you would attend.

Looking forward to seeing you there....

Gene "Lucky" Rigsby



Oil Spots

By Traveler



U.S. MOTORCYCLE SALES CONTINUE UPWARD TREND



New motorcycle sales in the U.S. continued to rise across all segments, the Motorcycle Industry

Council (MIC) announced. While bike sales continue to improve, it's also worth noting that the Motorcycle Safety Foundation saw enrollment in its basic rider courses grow significantly in 2021 as well.

Overall motorcycle sales rose 14.2% over 2020, across all segments. That includes scooters, which rose 19.6% over 2020, while on-road bike sales rose 12.9% over 2020, but what's especially encouraging is sales of dual-sport and off-road bikes. The year 2020 saw a 46.2% increase in dual sport sales and in 2021 dual-sport motorcycle sales rose an additional 18.6.

These figures were gleaned from sales data that compiled from 14 major OEMs and distributors across America, and it's an encouraging outlook as we vroom into 2022

Aw Sh&T!!!!

Ever hear anyone utter that phrase in discuss? There are an unlimited number of incidents that will generate that phrase from a rider. One of which is....your bike not starting.

Lets eliminate just one little, albeit embarrassing, reason for your bike not starting....the key fob battery.

The battery in most key



fobs is good for two years and should be changed accordingly. Oh, sure, you can try to get 3, 4, 5 years out of it but, the longer you wait, the higher the chance of being stranded somewhere where you can't get a fob battery.

Most of our bike key fobs take a number 2032, 3v battery, about the size of a nickel.

They typically are bought in pairs for around \$2.00 each. It makes good sense to carry that extra one just in case. You can sell it to your buddy at twice the cost when his battery wears down!



SOFTWARE UPDATES

Now is the perfect time of the year to:

1. Update the software on your GPS, your cell phone and your intercom.

2. If you subscribe to Sirius radio, and their color weather radar, it's best to double check your satellite link before the riding season.

3. Most of our cell phones today, have frequent software updates available. Update that software and any of your apps particularly those you use for navigation.



DANES FACE MOTORCYCLE CONFISCATION FOR 'INSANE' RIDING

Danish authorities are confiscating three motorcycles a day for what the authorities are claiming is 'insane' riding. The rules first came into force in March 2021,

and allow the police and authorities to enforce strict penalties for what is deemed to be dangerous and illegal riding. Up to and including

the offender's vehicle being seized, with seized machines sent off and sold at auction!



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Oil Spots, , Continued...



The scheme isn't just aimed at residents of this Nordic spot, those travelling in and through the nation are also liable. FEMA (Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations) reports that anyone touring in or through Denmark, using two wheels is liable to be hit with the same penalties.

The system seems to be working too, as FEMA reports that in the first six months after the new rules came into force, the police seized a total of 510 vehicles, while 623 charges have been filed in 586 cases involving "insane driving".

Tire Speed Ratings

Seldom do we check or even remember the load ratings or speed ratings of our tires. Typically that thought only pops into our minds when we are doing 120 mph on a straight, level, deserted Kansas road and we feel the bike start shaking and the wind drag trying to pull us off the bike. Then...you are too late to prevent a high speed disaster because you only have "P" rated, 94 mph tires

Experienced riders know their limits and they know the limits of their bike, their brakes and....their tires.

To determine your speed rating you'll find it molded into the side-wall of each tire. Remember, this is the maximum



speed rating for your tire when it was new and in

good shape. Age and wear diminish this speed rating.

Speed ratings are mandated by the federal government and are the same for cars and motorcycles. Ratings are specified by type. A J type tire rating is safe up to 62 mph but tested at 100 mph.

Once you locate your speed rating use this chart to determine your maximum speed for that tire again, when new and in good shape and proper inflation.

SPEED RATING CHART

Motorcycle Speed Ratings	Maximum Design/Test Speed	
	J Type	62 100
	N Type	87 140
	P Type	94 150
	S Type	112 180
	H Type	130 210
	V Type	149 240
	Z Type	149+ 240+
Tires with 2.00, 2.25 & 2.50 nominal section widths are rated for 75 mph.		

Tires are also rated for load or weight carrying capacity. The load index ratings are also located on the tire sidewall with a code. A

Load rating of 47 would indicate a safe carrying load of 386 lbs. A rating of 79 would indicate a safe carrying load of 963 lbs.

There is a Load Range on each tire also. That code is typically a letter like "C". The Tire Range code indicates ply rating and max air pressure. Simply, the

Abbreviation	Meaning	Max Load Pressure
LR/B	Load Range B - 4 ply rated	35 pounds per square inch (psi)
LR/C	Load Range C - 6 ply rated	50 psi
LR/D	Load Range D - 8 ply rated	65 psi
LR/E	Load Range E - 10 ply rated	80 psi
LR/F	Load Range F - 12 ply rated	95 psi

higher the letter rating, the stronger the tire.

So the next time you have the opportunity to check your tires, look at our ratings and, drive accordingly. One bit of caution, ride the speed limit, keep your bike only moderately loaded and, you won't have to worry much about ratings.

WOMEN RIDERS 16TH INTERNATIONAL FEMALE RIDE DAY



On Saturday, May 7, women riders will take to their motorcycles to "Just Ride!" for the 16th International Female Ride Day (IFRD). Participants in over 120 countries on six continents will join in on the globally synchronized women's ride day, which highlights female motorcycle riders across all disciplines of the activity.

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Oil Spots, continued...

Since the first IFRD in 2007, the annual ride connects women globally and makes known the diverse numbers of women enjoying motorsport activities. The synchronized action drives forward the importance of women being well-represented across all disciplines of motorsports and throughout the powersports industry. IFRD also seeks to inspire other women who have not yet explored motorcycling or other forms of powersports to learn to ride and obtain their licenses.



"We have all seen the benefits of women's inclusion in motorcycling — socially, economically and politically. IFRD has continually offered an environment that fosters pres-

ence and accelerates kinship. Enabling and empowering women through motorcycling and as witnessed every IFRD remains essential to what matters for women, going forward," said Vicki Gray, founder.

The theme, "Focus, female, forward" and its #focusfemaleforward hashtag introduced in 2021 will be carried forward for the 16th edition. The theme runs parallel with the IFRD call to action: "Just Ride!" "Focus, female, forward" emphasizes female ride day goals with the underlined aim of bringing women to the forefront in all related activities.

Renewal deadline for driver's licenses pushed back to July



The Illinois Secretary of State's Office has extended the renewal deadline for expired driver's licenses,

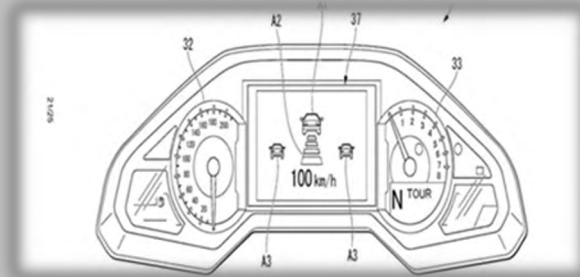
state ID cards and learner's permits to July 31.

The previous extension was set to end on March 31. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses or CDL learner's permits.

Online renewal for expired licenses and ID cards has been expanded, and the Secretary of State's Office continues to mail letters to eligible customers.

Visit www.ilsos.gov to learn more, and to schedule renewal appointments with participating driver's license facilities.

Goldwing Radar Adaptive Cruise Control



Honda is planning to fit its Gold Wing with radar adaptive cruise control, according to "Motorrad Online."

The German motorcycling magazine recently shared patent photos of the upcoming Gold Wing's cruise control, which seem to again reinforce the ever-thinning technological line between cars and motorcycles.

Ducati, KTM and other manufacturers have already released models equipped with radar-powered adaptive cruise control, including Kawasaki's upcoming Ninja H2 SX that will be equipped with a front and rear camera system setup. The Gold Wing will follow suit, also incorporating a rear-mounted radar system for collision warning and blind spot detection. This does bring into question how Honda will house the rear camera on the motorcycle and how the instrument cluster will be affected — the patent photos suggest that Honda may be working on a heads-up display for the upcoming model.

As for the front facing cruise control radar, the Gold Wing's large nose will allow for Honda to incorporate it into the design seamlessly.



V.P.'s Vision

Get Ready... Here We Go!

Yes! April has arrived as has the start of our riding season. We have a great deal already planned for this year, but there is always room for more! Talk to one of our Road Captains to add something to our calendar!

We have an Accident Scene Management class approaching on the 16th of April at Woodstock starting at 9:00am. You must register online. Contact Mike Bradbury ASAP for availability. It is a certified training. The cost is just \$35 including lunch and all class materials. I took the class years ago and it is well worth the time. You must continue to maintain your certification through follow up classes and once you complete the basic class there is an advanced class which is also a day long class and I must admit very exciting. After that you can continue to retain your certification by taking the refresher a half day class.

All of these classes are very informative and valuable for yourself and any other organization where you belong. It also qualifies as one of the Senior Road Captain requirements that state we must complete advance courses to keep the position. It is also helps Road Captains attain a Senior status. So let's all participate. See you very soon!

Your Vice President, Ric "Clutch" Case

I found that while the camera does not express the soul, perhaps a photograph can!

~Ansel Adams



Thank you, Noelle for setting up this opportunity to see our national treasure, Ansel Adams!

We also were able to appreciate our Top Cat treasures too!



What's up with the Weather?

From: [Spring Weather Forecast: Backward Temperatures Ahead?! - Farmers' Almanac](#)

"Spring has a way of keeping us on our toes. While many of us will be looking forward to the end of winter, spring temperatures may take their time arriving," the Farmers' Almanac explains. "According to our long-range outlook, temperatures will be slow to warm. In fact, around the time of the vernal equinox, unseasonably cold temperatures may be gripping many parts of the country." First, northern states will experience what's considered near-normal temperatures. On the other hand, southern states will experience "somewhat cooler-than-normal conditions," according to the Farmers' Almanac's forecast. Here's where the backwards part comes in. "Interestingly, we think the second half of May will be unseasonably cool across large parts of the nation," according to the Farmers' Almanac. "Many will likely refer to it as a 'backward spring,'" because temperatures have gotten cooler rather than warmer as spring progresses.

The Farmers' Almanac's spring forecast calls, in general, for a wetter than normal spring across much of the U.S. Indeed, people in the Great Lakes, Ohio Valley, Midwest, and south central states should expect more rain than normal this spring.



Pre-season Riding Gear Preparation

By Traveler

Depending on the condition of your gear, it could be time to replace it..

As we all look forward to warmer weather and riding it's important to take the time to look over our gear and make sure it's up to snuff.

Don't forget why we wear our gear: to protect us in the event of a crash. Looking cool is the last thing on your mind when you're sliding down the asphalt at 50 mph.

Because we wear gear to protect ourselves, this means our gear is the most important investment we can make. It's directly tied to our safety as well as comfort.

So, where do you start?

CHECK FOR SIGNS OF AGE OR WEAR



The first thing to look for would be any signs of wear. Let's say you find that a seam is starting to fray or rip, or the mesh in your favorite summer jacket is starting to tear. Both of these are indicators that it may be time to replace that piece. If a seam is worn down, the garment's strength may be weakened, and it

might not be able to protect you like it could when it was new. This is especially important on textile or mesh gear, since these types of gear don't offer the same abrasion resistance that leather does.

Take a close look at your gloves, inside and out. If you find worn-out seams or "extra" holes for your fingers, it may be time to invest in new gloves. Pay close attention to the areas around your knuckles. These parts of the gloves are designed to flex with your hand, and they may be the first area to wear out.



Boots and shoes are another, often neglected, safety item. Insoles often dry out and crack during storage, seams split and leather dries out. Check boots for condition and, it's always a good idea to give them a coat of leather protectant like neatsfoot oil. Check your laces for deterioration too.

A boot lace will never break unless you are minutes away from getting on your bike. They are a very easy item to replace. The off season is the best time to get boots refurbished, resoled and shined up.

HELMET INSPECTION



Finally, let's talk about helmets. Helmets have the most important job out of all the gear we wear: protecting our head. If a helmet has been subjected to an impact or involved in a crash, it should be replaced. A compromised or worn-out helmet might not be able to

protect your head when it matters most, so you need to look it over closely.

Start with the inside of the helmet. The first layer you'll find inside the helmet is the comfort padding. This padding will eventually break down, deteriorate and shrink over time. This can compromise the way the helmet fits your head, its ability to wick away moisture from sweat and its ability to protect your head from an impact.

This is also a good time to pull out the comfort padding and clean it according to the manufacturer's instructions. It's no picnic riding with a stinky helmet on your head. One technique is to simply wash your helmet in the dishwasher on a low-heat, short cycle. The, always store it with a sheet of laundry freshener inside.



The next layer is called the EPS (expanded polystyrene) liner. This part of the helmet looks like foam and is typically painted black. In the event of a crash, the helmet will stop you from cracking your skull on the pavement, but your head will continue moving until something stops it. The EPS liner is responsible for slowing down the movement of your head in a controlled manner, and it does this by deforming or compressing. The EPS liner can only perform this job once; once it deforms, or cracks, it cannot do it again.

Since most EPS liners are painted black, you might be able to spot tiny white cracks forming in the surface. Something you might not be able to see — but you could feel — would be if the bond between the EPS liner and the helmet shell has weakened over time. Push on the liner with your fingers and try to shift it around. If it moves, replace it.

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Riding Gear , Continued...



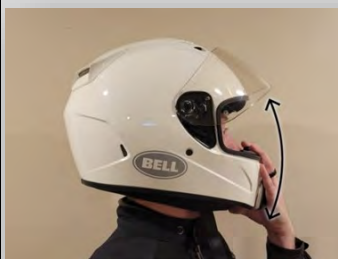
Inspect the outside of the helmet for signs of wear or damage. Broken vents, worn-out visor hinges or a failing strap are all bad signs. The helmet shell can become brittle over time, so any signs of cracks on the outside indicate that it's time to replace it.

How long is a helmet's lifespan? Many manufacturers recommend replacing a helmet after it has been in service for five years of use. To augment this suggestion, we turn to the Snell Foundation, well known for its work in helmet safety standard research, education, testing and development. According to the company's website:

"Unused helmets stored in good condition do not automatically expire after five years. Replacing helmets every five years is a judgement call based on testing helmets used by the California Highway Patrol by Dr. George Snively. Wear and tear, the simple act of putting on and taking off helmets, damage to the comfort pads and energy-absorbing foam liner over time. Helmets with worn-out pads are at least one to two sizes larger than helmets in new condition. A poorly fitted helmet makes it more likely that the helmet will shift too much or even come off the head during a crash impact. For these reasons, Snell recommends replacing helmet after five years of normal use."

So, the five-year lifespan isn't exactly a hard rule; it's more of a guideline. If your helmet is safely stored for some time, that doesn't mean that it reaches the end of its life at exactly five years. However, you'll have to check for wear and deterioration to be sure.

Well-fitting helmets are usually safe helmets....usually. Is the comfort liner firmly pressed up against your face? Do you feel pressure points anywhere around your skull? If you strap the helmet on and grasp the front of the face guard, can you move it around on your head? These are all signs of a poorly fitted helmet and may be a problem.



Grasp the face guard; if you can move it around your head, the helmet is poorly fitted.

The helmet should fit snugly on your head without any painful pressure points. You should feel consistent, even pressure from the comfort liner all around your head. If you can move the helmet around on your head with it strapped tight enough to obstruct your view through the eye port, that's a bad sign.

CHECK FOR FITMENT

Let's look at how our gear fits. Bodies change over time, so our gear may need to change with us. Many jackets



and pants will feature some way of fine-tuning around key areas, such as the waist, arms and calves. But, if your jacket is too tight or loose and you've reached the maximum on the adjustment range, it might be time to

go up a size. The opposite could be true as well. If you've recently lost weight, you could find that the chest material on your jacket flaps around while you're on the highway. That's not exactly comfortable either.

EYE PROTECTION

All States require eye protection of some kind but....common sense demands clear and adequate eye protection. This may be in the form of helmet visors, motorcycle windscreens, goggles, sunglasses, prescription glasses, etc. Be sure that, whatever you use for eye protection, is in good shape, fits well and is clear. Dirt, clouding, and scratches diminish you ability to see clearly and those hazards are amplified by inclement weather, darkness, and blinding sunshine.



CONSIDER THE SEASON

One final consideration is the season — or to be more precise, the temperature.



Are you prepared for the temperatures you'll be riding in this year? Is your gear warm enough to suit your needs? Or, do you need to add an extra base layer — or even two?

Ventilated gloves are great in the summer. They keep your hands cool and help to wick away moisture from sweat. But, if you ride with these types of gloves in colder weather, you're in for a rough time.

The bottom line is that your gear needs to match the weather conditions or the climate you're riding in. If it's not, you simply won't be comfortable or be able to enjoy your ride. Pants and jackets that come with additional liners are very versatile in this way, since you can add or remove those inner liners for wind resistance or extra thermal protection.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES MARCH 1ST, 2022

Respectfully Submitted
by: Diana Lanute

President's Section Gene Rigby

- ✦ 7:00 pm, Meeting called to order
- ✦ Pledge of Allegiance – All members and guests stood for the Pledge of Allegiance
- ✦ Guests – Introductions - David Ramirez and Brandy Simons

Announcements

- ✦ 9th - Rich Lanute BD
- ✦ 26th - Smiths Anniversary
- ✦ Sergeant at arms patch for Andy Hazlakiewicz will be given next month.
- ✦ New member kit given to Bob Parquette by Ted.

V.P. Ric Case (absent)

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ✦ Wayne discussed the history of the Top Cats club and how NISRA was chosen as our charity.
- ✦ Jim Wiseman spoke about how Top Cats contributions made possible the purchase of a new bus for NISRA

Safety: Mike Bradbury

- ✦ Accident/safety review – Mike - Safety tips from Gene regarding bike prep, checking your gear out, and use care regarding ice in the shadows on the road
- ✦ Kaution Korner – Ted Makarewicz discussed the following: A. Environment, lower speed to see road hazards; i.e., mud, potholes. B. People around you – Motorists can be looking at you and not see you – take precautions. C. Us – The individual – Prepare by exercising a bit.
- ✦ Patch / GRASS card / SRC presentations - Mike – GRASS Class – Mary and Wayne, Greg, and Gene. Mike awarded Greg Smith Gold Star Award and Ted was promoted to Senior Road Captain and received the SRC rocker.

Safety Video <https://youtu.be/HiOGAYOXN8U> Rick Agrimonte

This video covered braking, use of brake levers in quick stops, and brake technology.



Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- ✦ Nothing to Report

Activities: Rick Agrimonte and Greg Smith

Recent activities

- 2/6 - RC / RC committee meeting - Bradbury
- 2/19 - Almost IMS breakfast
- 2/26 – 2021 Banquet - Bradbury

Future activities

- 3/5 - Dunn Museum – Noelle
- Accident Scene Management – Must take first course within 2 years of taking advanced course.
- 4/23 - Kick-off ride – Bradbury
- 5/22 - On Any Sunday Ride – Mary will provide more details as plan develops.
- 6/12 - Ride for Dreams – Mary – Volo updating menu.
- 6/25 – 6/26 – Overnight ride to Kalamazoo, MI. Ted to present more details.
- 7/31 - Leave for Sturgis – Gene will put out information on this.
- Wayne to put out blast on Front Range Ride.
- Mike -Colorado ride in early planning.
- Mike – Kansas City ride in early planning.

Trophies & awards – Banquet Recap

- Volunteer of the year – Ted Makarewicz
- Most active (2 members) – Mary and Wayne Kirkpatrick
- Most Top Cat ride miles – Wayne Kirkpatrick
- Most Top Cat Ride Points – Wayne Kirkpatrick
- Top Cat of the year – Mike Bradbury

Charity: Rich Lanute

Ride for Dreams (6/12/2022)

- Flyers and ticket information to follow.
- Mary discussed changes to the Volo venu.

Products: Ted Makarewicz

- ✦ Ted discussed new apparel.

50/50 Raffle: Andy Hazlakiewicz (absent)

No raffle tonight.

Picture: Mike Bradbury

A group picture was taken tonight.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm Gene



BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 8TH, 2022

Respectfully Submitted
by: Diana Lanute

President's Section: Gene

Meeting called to order

Immediate needs – None.

Awards banquet – Understaffed for us. Bartender fee \$150. Podium and equipment – No fee. Mike made a motion to pay deposit of \$250 for next year at the Onion Pub; motion passed.

Past President: Wayne

Do we know where our projector is? Is there an audit trail? What did we pay for it? Greg to buy projector for \$109 from Amazon. Wayne made motion to buy projector NTE \$140. Mike seconded motion at \$150.

Board to approve dues structure for 2022.

VP: Ric (abs)

Open discussion

Activities: Greg

Future Events

Calendar review - Mar/Apr, etc.

No rides in March

4/23 - Kick-off ride – Bradbury

5/22 - On Any Sunday Ride – Mary

Colorado Ride- Mike – Details to follow

7/31 – Tag-A-Long Ride from Sturgis – Mike

Kansas City Ride – Mike – No date yet

Trempealeau, WI Ride – July 15?

Safety/RC: Ric/Mike

Update - Accident Scene Management with Gina Woods: Gina out of town. Mike arranged with sponsors Mark Schumann and brother. To be held in Hall of Fame at Woodstock Harley Davidson, April 16, Saturday of Easter weekend. Cost \$35/each paid for by recipient. Time – 9 to 5pm. Rolling Thunder invited also.

Safety training tracking - We should have videos vetted. Direct all vetting to Mike. With your last CPR 2 years ago, we can only do Basic Safety Training.

Membership/Products: Ted

Membership application - Brandyn Simmons paid \$75 membership by check.

Membership drive ideas – How do we find a program to get people to join our club? Mike suggested using personal approach. Mike suggested club business cards – use back of card to fill in name, phone and address.

Ted – We have 32 members. Will send out new membership cards. Follow up on Ramirez.

New member package to include our shirt but not a flag.

Charity: Rich

June 12th - \$25 rider/\$5 passenger which includes breakfast and wristband. NISRA families can buy ½ cost tickets.

Jim Widella - Arrive 12:30pm to parking lot; close is 5pm.

Need to set up Save the date cards/Fliers

Planning - Make a simpler Save the Date card. Don't need 50/50 raffle on ticket – Remove. Planning/organizer –

Update names. Use Top Cat Facebook page and website to put Charity Ride out there.

Treasury: Don

Report/review

Secretary: Diana

No report.

Meeting Adjourned: Gene Rigsby



Riding Gear , Continued...

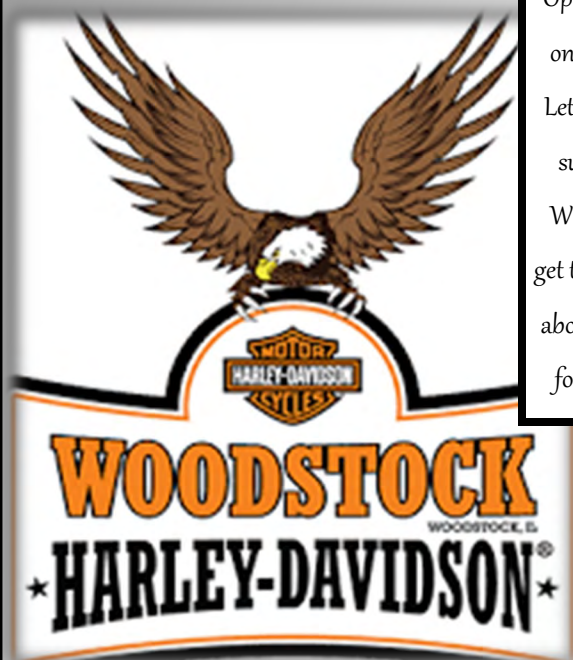
IS IT TIME TO UPGRADE?

Knowing what we know now, is it time to shop for new gear? It's not worth the risk of riding with worn out gear. Invest in gear to protect yourself if you ever go down; it's not worth the risk of riding with something that can't protect you the way it should.



There are a number of advantages to buying new gear. Advancements continue to be made in gear year after year. You can benefit from the inclusion of modern technology, features or lighter materials and construction styles seen in gear today. A lighter helmet will mean less fatigue when riding long distances, and better venting means your head will stay cooler. A jacket that fits you snugly and doesn't flap around on the highway is a big win, and one that's too tight won't be comfortable for long.

So, check out all of your safety gear to determine what gear you need to replace before the season kicks off.



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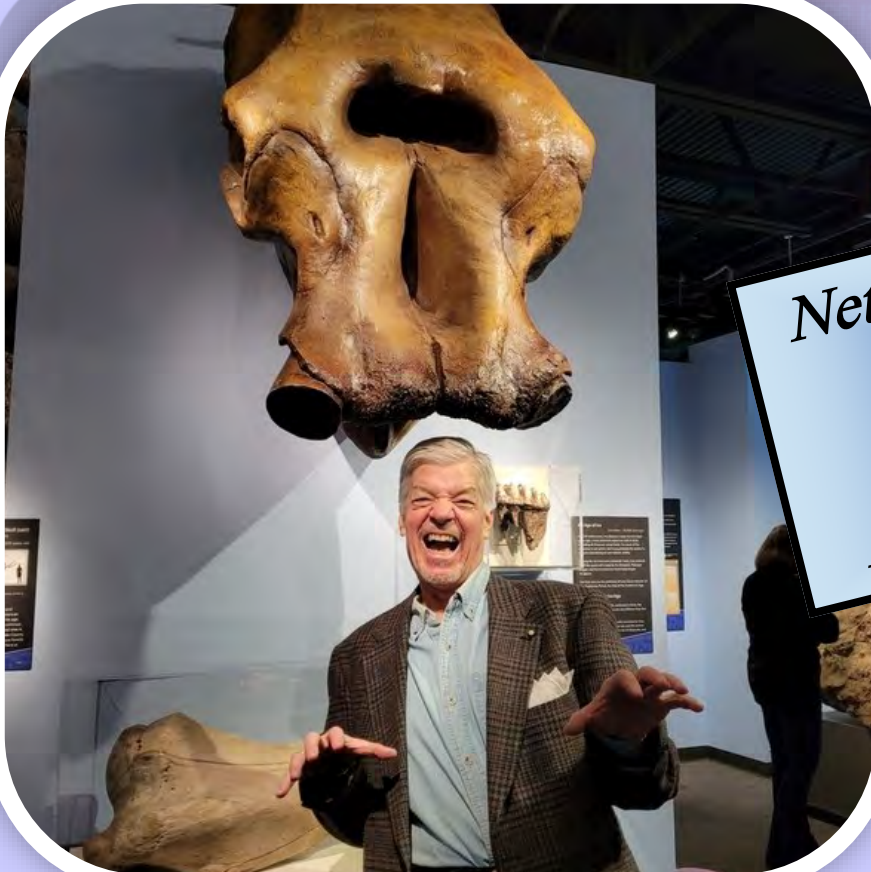
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summer is going to be BUSY!

Yo



RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, April 5th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, April 12th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Saturday, April 16th	Accident Scene Management	Woodstock	Harley Davidson	TBD	Bradbury
Saturday, April 23rd	Kick-Off Ride—YAHOO!	TBD	TBD	TBD	Bradbury
Tuesday, May 3rd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, May 10th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, May 22nd	On Any Sunday Ride	Thortons, Rte 62 and Lake Cook Rd	Polo, Illinois	TBD	M Kirkpatrick

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



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