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*Ride to Eat.... Eat to Ride!
This was definitely a great day for Riding!
So, the eating was just a side benefit!
Let's have more of this soon!*

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PRESIDENT'S POINT

And Now a Word from your President...

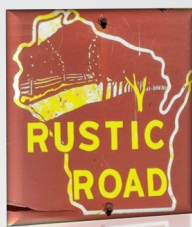


Hello Top Cats!!

I hope you and your families are doing great and taking advantage of the mild temperatures. Spring has sprung, so let's get out and ride.

What's the best way to stay socially distanced...? Riding season...

Speaking of riding, Mike Bradbury lead us out on the Kick-off ride to Water Street Brewery in Delafield, WI. Great place with fantastic root beer that is brewed in house. The roads were great as Mike picked some scenic roads to add to the route and is



going to make scenic roads part of his future rides in Wisconsin. There is a program related to the roads that you can check into with Mike for more details. The weather was excellent (80+) and we had a super group, to boot!

Speaking of riding again, don't take a chance on missing a ride or event. Take a few minutes right now

to go to the Top Cats event calendar and write down the ride/event dates on your calendar. I'll wait....

Add them to your phone as well, just in case you are not looking at the calendar enough. Also, contact Greg Smith or Rick Agrimonti if you are not seeing the blasts.

Rides coming up in May are the Progressive Pick-up picnic, On any Sunday and Anyone like BBQ????? More rides to come.

Stay on top of all the opportunities to enjoy riding and being with your Top Cats family. Keep looking out for blasts and check the calendar often for details of events and save the dates ASAP.

The season is upon us, so get ready!!!

Buddy Check...

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



TCLOCK...ARE YOU READY?

By: Don DeLordo, Road Captain

The riding season is finally here! I had to get the cleaning supplies including bug removers out to the front of the shelf. These are all good signs of great riding. Like they Say..."Live to Ride, Ride to live".

I have been watching the RC Rider clips on YouTube, ever since Gene brought them to the meeting. They are great Safety videos and it prepares

you before getting out there. As we all know SAFETY is the foundation of Top Cat's, and it is addressed in our GRASS classes, in our Pre-Ride Briefings and in every edition of our ROAR, right here in the Kaution Korner.

You're ready to ride but how about your bike? Don't forget that your motorcycle needs some TLC before you jump on the bike and ride.

The easiest way to winterize and de-winterize your ride is to have it stored over the winter at your favorite dealer! No need to worry about changing the oil, charging the battery, etc., since they do it all for you...All you have to do is give the service department a call and let them know when you would like to pick up your ride... Many of the dealers ask for a 2 week target date so they are not rushed and may overlook something. No hassles, and you start off the season right.

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However, if you are like many of us who store the bike(s) in our garage, you need to take some time and familiarize yourself with the steps to insure a safe startup. I like to get out the owner's manual and follow the steps recommended by your bikes manufacturer. The AMA also makes reference to "TCLOCK"

TIRES & WHEELS – How is the tread? Use a penny for a helpful gauge...put Lincoln on his head in the tread. If you see the top of his head, it's time to replace the tire. Don't forget to check the pressure and the wheels too. It is normal to lose some pressure in the winter.

CONTROLS – Check all levers, cables and throttle to insure they function smoothly.

LIGHTS – Check your turn signals, brake and wiring. If your ride is an older model and the headlamp or highway lights are foggy, this will reduce your visibility. You might consider replacing them or updating to LED's. You won't be disappointed with your investment.

OIL – Check under the bike and around the frame for any leaks or oil build up. Check all the fluids: Oil, brake, and primary.

CHASSIS – Check the bike frame and suspension (shocks & forks) for any leaks. This is a great time to also check the belt (chain) for ware and tare. One thing I found last year was my exhaust crossover bracket had cracked and

was making a banging noise. Who would have thought?

KICKSTAND – Check the condition and retention spring.

Now that you conducted these checks, it time to treat your bike to a SPA treatment with a great detailing including washing, waxing and treating the leather. This will help keep the finish showroom new. It's still cold out but in a month or so the sun will be scorching hot and the SPA treatment will help protect the finish and really make your routine clean up much easier.

The last recommendation I would like to make addresses your first aid kit, rain gear and where you carry them on your bike. First Aid Kit - Make sure your kit is complete and the expiration dates are all good for the whole season. If not replace them. Rain Gear – Make sure there are no rips or tears. Remember the first rain gears, they were black. If you are still using one of those, please get rid of it and get one with a reflective color. Your life depends on it! Where should you carry these items? If you have saddle bags, you might want to consider keeping them in the right side or the curb side. It is much safer if you need to make an emergency stop and you are not in the line of traffic.

The AMA recommend we perform TCLOCK before every ride. Before you head out for the first ride of the season, take a little extra time during your bikes de-winterization, and your riding season will be more enjoyable.

Flyer Drop... Ride for Dreams is under Way!

By: Mary Kirkpatrick, Charity Chair

Go Riders went out today under the direction of Mike 'Motorcycle' Bradbury to get the Ride for Dreams Word out! The weather was a challenge, but not even the cold drizzle could dampen the warm hearts who were on this mission!

And a few of the Supporters went by car too. Thanks, Mike for the Ride, the route and the enjoyable day!

To start the day, we ran into a Norton Riding Group that has their annual 'Start the Season' run. It was great to see some of these bikes...

The day was great! Let's hope that we got the rain and cold out of the way for the year and that our June 12th date will be AWESOME! Thanks to those who went out today... and watch you emails for some upcoming chances to help make this a great year for our Top Cat's Ride for Dreams Benefitting NISRA!

A group of Ready to



Oil Spots

By Traveler



CAN-AM Reborn?

Can-Am announced that it will return to the motorcycle market with three motorcycle models and one trike. All four, new offerings will be fully electric and the

brand claims riders can expect models “perfect for everyday commuting and, to stay true to the track & trail heritage of the brand, recreational on- and off-road riding.” Expect to see these new models in showrooms mid-2024.

Can-Am is a motorcycle brand best known for burly open-class motocross and enduro models of the 1970s, so a small fleet of electric bikes is a curious revival of the nameplate. We can expect a sporty street bike, an adventure machine, a muscle bike or cruiser, and a three-wheeler. This is a solid four-machine lineup that covers a lot of the current market.

Non Electric Vehicles Banned in Washington State

The Washington State Legislature has given final approval to a nearly \$17 billion transportation package that includes the banning of all non-electric new vehicle sales beginning with model year 2030. Senate Bill 5974, also known as “Move Ahead Washington,” is being celebrated by Governor Jay Inslee, who has been pushing for green energy legislation since the release of his book, *Apollo’s Fire: Igniting America’s Clean Energy Economy*, in 2007. The state’s official press

release does not mention the Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) ban but instead highlights a list of “notable investments,” including \$5.4 billion toward “carbon reduction and

multimodal expansion,” \$3 billion for maintenance and preservation, and \$3 billion for public transportation. “This package will move us away from the transportation system our grandparents imagined,” Inslee says, “and towards the transportation system our grandchildren dream of.”

The Move Ahead Washington initiative has established a timeline that is even more ambitious than California’s proposed 2035 ban on all new ICE vehicles. Regardless of its intentions, banning ICE vehicles is hardly a one-size-fits-all proposition, and it will receive plenty of pushback, particularly from Americans living in colder, rural areas. This debate is far from over.



Arizona Passes Lane-Filtering Law

Joining the growing list of states that are passing motorcycle-friendly legislation is Arizona, whose Governor Doug Ducey just signed into law a bill that allows Arizona motorcyclists to lane filter.

The bill would allow motorcycles to pass another vehicle in the same lane going in the same direction, but only if the vehicle is stopped. There’s another pretty major caveat too: It’s only applicable to roadways with a speed limit of 45 mph or less, which would automatically rule out the maneuver on most highways.

The street can’t have a speed limit greater than 45 mph and the rider can’t go more than 15 mph when passing a vehicle.

The move is also only allowed when the bike is going less than 15 mph. Additionally, the move may only be completed on a road with at least four lanes. The upside is that it will allow riders in Arizona to move between cars up to the intersection at least in some situations.

Arizona’s new law takes much of its language from recent Utah and Montana lane-filtering legislation.

The only state that legally permits lane-splitting (as opposed to lane filtering) is still California, where it has been an accepted practice for what seems like forever, though it was only formally made lawful in 2016. Prior to that, it was simply not expressly made illegal.

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Proponents of Arizona's new law say it was written to mirror the one passed by Utah in 2019, which also allows for filtering by motorcycles on roads with speed limits of 45 mph or less. The utah.gov website clarifies things thusly: "Lane filtering is different from lane-splitting. Utah's lane filtering law is very different from California's lane-splitting law." this year, but as of this week, it now remains in effect until 2027.

Last year Montana also legalized lane filtering with a similar law that allows two-wheeled motorcycles to move between lanes of stopped traffic traveling in the same direction, though not at speeds greater than 20 mph. The law went into effect in October of 2021. (Note that all of the aforementioned laws don't apply to trikes.)

Oregon and Washington have had their own legislation in the works for a while now, but have yet to successfully push it through the legal system, so the practice of lane filtering and/or lane-splitting there is still formally illegal.

Whichever state you're in, be sure to always ride alertly, especially if you're filtering.

Indian Sweeps King of the Baggers Season Opener



Indian Challenger-mounted Tyler O'Hara pulled another victory out of his helmet, winning the first race of the 2022 King of the Baggers series.

Although sloppy weather gave riders and track officials fits all weekend, the opening round of MotoAmerica's King of the Baggers (KOTB)—which featured bagger races taking place for the first time ever on the high banks of Daytona's International Speedway—was nothing short of exhilarating. Fans got to witness 2020 KOTB winner Tyler O'Hara, in his third year on the S&S Indian Challenger, come from a back-row starting position to capture his third overall bagger racing victory with a perfect pass. It was a fitting highlight to the 2022 series opener, which already promised a healthy dose of drama thanks to a renewed rivalry battle between two bitter competitors—Harley-Davidson and Indian Motorcycle—in an age-old fight that dates back 100 years.

So while 18 riders took to the grid for the eight-lap race, the main protagonists were clearly defined: the factory Harley riders versus the factory Indian riders, with plenty of backup in the rest of the field. Defending MotoAmerica King of the Baggers champion Kyle Wyman and brother Travis Wyman riding for the Harley-Davidson Screamin' Eagle factory team would face off against Indian's Mission Foods/S&S-run team which featured 2022 series runner-up Tyler O'Hara and former MotoGP racer Jeremy McWilliams.

Race 1 featured a master class in timing, with the S&S Cycle/Indian Challenger's O'Hara making a classic Daytona last-lap move and drafting past both H-D Screamin' Eagle Road Glide teammates Travis and Kyle—who finished second and third, respectively—to take the checkered flag by a nose.

O'Hara described it this way: "Just getting to where I was in the race...I did not know if I had enough to make it happen. These things punch such a big hole in the air, it's like drafting a car. I went into the bus stop and went in there super deep, and then got pretty close to Travis (Wyman). I pulled right off of Travis and just was able to lead the last lap. It was really everything I had to make it happen."

Saturday's King of the Baggers Race 2 was even more impacted by the unrelenting rain and shortened to six laps, and the Harley-riding Wymans unfortunately were locked out of the top spot again.



Kyle experienced mechanical issues with his Road Glide Special early on, further opening the door for the Indian riders.

And they took advantage: In a perfectly timed drafting move, former MotoGP rider McWilliams made a bold pass on the last lap to squeeze out the victory. The longtime racer put his experience to good use when he slingshot past RSD Indian rider Bobby Fong, who was in the lead at the time. Right behind was McWilliams' teammate O'Hara, who also drafted past Fong to take second place. With Fong finishing third, it turned out to be an all-Indian podium showing in the second race. Travis Wyman finished a disappointing fifth, while brother Kyle chalked up a DNF for the race.

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Bagger newcomer McWilliams says the win is all thanks to the more experienced O'Hara: "I kind of learned how to ride it off Tyler. Give him all the credit for that because he rides it differently than I do. I came along not knowing and riding it a little bit like a sportbike, and that's not how it works. It's got so much torque that you've got to change your throttle position and stuff."

5 Tips for Riding a Motorcycle in the Rain



Riding your motorcycle in the rain can be safe and—dare we say it—even fun, as long as you're prepared with

the right skill set and gear.

What exactly should you expect when riding in the rain, and what adjustments should you make as you ride?

Tip 1: Choose the right gear

Good waterproof apparel, like a rainsuit (two-piece or one), gloves, boots, and perhaps an electric heated vest, can keep



you warm and dry in even the most persistent storm, which is the first key to enjoying a day spent in the rain. High-vis isn't the most stylish, but in conditions of reduced visibility it increases the chance that other drivers will see you, something to keep in mind as you shop for gear. Waterproof gear tends to add warmth on its own, but if rain is in the forecast, consider bringing multiple thinner layers that you can add if you get chilly.

Another oft-overlooked piece of the gear puzzle is the helmet, which should be equipped with an anti-fog visor, a breath guard, or even a visor with electric defrost function. And leave the tinted shield at home or

bring along a clear spare; the last thing you need is a darkened view of a wet road. Keep your visor down and closed at all times if possible. Once rain or moisture gets inside it will be very difficult to defog.

Whatever combination of gear you end up with, make sure that it doesn't intrude on your riding or distract you in any way. For example, you can't work the controls with frozen fingers, but an extra-warm pair of gloves may be too bulky and not much better. Similarly, a neck warmer may be nice and toasty but limit you from turning your head enough for a shoulder check. You may have to search to find the right gear, but you should be able to find a nice balance between comfort and practicality for the conditions you intend to ride in.

Tip 2: Ride smoother and smarter

There is one word to remember when riding in the rain: smooth.



When it's wet outside, everything you do on your motorcycle should be smooth, from throttle adjustments to braking to cornering. There's a reason today's motorcycles often include a Rain mode that cuts power and perhaps even smooths out the throttle mapping and/or increases ABS and traction control intervention.

Even with modern rider aids, roll on and off the throttle gently, and use your lean angle sparingly. Keeping your bike as upright as possible will reduce the chances of it sliding out from underneath you if you hit a slick spot. Increase your following distance and use your engine to help decelerate, braking smoothly instead of stabbing at the lever.



Tip 3: Be wary of intersections

Intersections are dangerous enough when you're on a motorcycle, and unfortunately the rain makes things worse. They're a collection of hazards: slippery oil spots where cars stop and idle, painted lines

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That can become like ice when wet and of course plenty of drivers who might not be paying as much attention as you and, their visibility is also reduced

Roundabouts are especially tricky, and can be slippery not just at the entrances and exits but also throughout the circle. Approach slowly to avoid having to brake suddenly, stay smooth, and limit your lean, and you'll come out the other side right side up.

Tip 4: Watch out for surprises

When it's wet out, situations that are nearly harmless in the dry can turn into unpleasant surprises. Keep an eye out for manhole covers, sealer pavement (tar snakes), painted lines, and fallen leaves, all of which are like black ice when they're wet. If you do encounter any of these traction inhibitors, check first if there is a line that you could easily take around them. If not, resist braking or accelerating hard and roll over them without making any aggressive inputs.



Note that in case you do have to change your line or turn over a greasy section, it's important to keep your hands relaxed on the handlebars and don't lean the bike any more than necessary.

Standing water is another hazard, and is especially dangerous on the highway where speeds may prevent you from slowing in time to avoid hydroplaning. Water will of course pool at low points, which on freeways is often the left-most lane where the concrete barrier prevents it from draining. Avoid using that lane and watch cars ahead of you for signs of water spray so you can spot problem areas in advance.

Tire tread is designed to guide the water from the center of the tire to the outside edge and away from the primary traction area. If your tires are worn, they will be less effective in doing this and, give you less traction.



Tip 5: Find a dry line

Although this may seem obvious, many people continue to ride in an area of the lane

that is wet even though an adjacent area is dry. Dry pavement offers superior traction and maneuverability, so make sure you continually place yourself in the driest section of the lane (typically where the car tire tracks are).



Over time, and as you practice these riding tips, you will find that rain riding and touring can actually be satisfying, not to mention make you a

better and more confident rider. Each ride will vary, with city riding in stormy weather being the most nerve-racking, but just because the clouds roll in doesn't mean you can't ride almost every day.

Ural Update on War-Affected Operations and Motorcycle Supply



As Russia's war on Ukraine continues, Ural—the only high-capacity motorcycle manufacturer in Russia—continues to revamp logis-

tics to address its operations and worldwide supply concerns. The creator of the iconic sidecar motorcycles that can traverse rough terrain ceased all business operations and production in February at its Irbit Motor Works factory in Irbit, an industrial town located in the Ural Mountains of western Siberia.

After more than six weeks since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Ural is updating its customers via small posts on its blog. In its latest post, Ural says, "...the situation with logistics in and out of Russia hasn't improved. We are still not able to import components to the factory."

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This is due to the squeeze on imports from suppliers outside of Russia. Ural says it is figuring out how to restart assembly, and the lack of shipping components to the factory, “among other things, amplifies the need for moving the final assembly outside of Russia.”

Due to the shortage, the company says there is now a six-month wait for the supply of new motorcycles. Additionally, it needs about a month to figure out logistics as it has some parts built at the Irbit factory on hand: “Our parts managers have been building up stock levels for a while in response to supply chain issues, it is now coming in handy,” Ural says on its blog.

As for those stateside motorcyclists and dealerships waiting for new Urals to arrive, two containers were stuck in a port in Europe since late February.

Ural had its ups and downs, building as many as 130,000 motorcycles per year before the fall of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) in December 1991, to less than 2,000 a year in 2021.

As the war continues in Ukraine, many other motorcycle manufacturers and aftermarket companies have ceased production and business operations in Russia, including Harley-Davidson, Polaris Inc., Honda Motor Co. Ltd., BMW, Ducati, Suzuki, Yamaha, Michelin Group, and Bridgestone Corporation.

Harley-Davidson's Nightster

Harley-Davidson just revealed the Nightster adding to its “sport” lineup of motorcycles. The bike borrows heavily from the design of the Sportster S but packs a new, smaller version of the Revolution Max V-twin.



Displacing 975cc, the new engine is liquid-cooled and features variable valve timing along with a downdraft air-intake system that improves flow through the engine. This equates to 90 horsepower and 70 pound feet of torque thrumming from a bike with a seat height of just 27.8 inches and a very narrow profile, a formula that works well for a very wide range of riders.

With the gas tank now becoming the air box, fuel storage moves under the seat. That brings weight even lower in the chassis and likely will make Nightster a very nimble machine.

Expect the Nightster to appear in dealer showrooms this month and be priced \$2000 under the Sportster S at \$13,499.



Here We Go! V.P.'s Vision

When will the weather change to warm sunny and 60 degrees?? Well whether or not it does we as Top Cats have lots of hearty riding activities to enjoy. First up is the progressive pick up ride put on by Our President himself. Unless some or any one plans a ride before this one. It is on Saturday May 21st with the start time planned around the number of RSVPs to gene.rigsby@gmail.com or 847-770/9425. It is a ride resurrected from years past. At one point in time, I do NOT remember the year, this once was called the pick up ride, it had four (4) branches funneling into one. All meeting at the village tavern. Each feeder ride came from one of the compass directions. North, East, West, and South. That morphed into one very large ride into Wisconsin. Almost eighty (80) motorcycles to a destination in Wisconsin for dinner and a return ride that made sure everyone could find and got home safely. Yes Top Cats was large and going strong.

Second is our “Ride on Any Sunday” that is us, on Sunday May 22nd lead by none other than our Roar Editor Mary Kirkpatrick to the On Any Given Sunday Museum of course, I am sure it will be a good one. Starts at Thornton's on Route 62 and Lake Cook Rd at 8am. Return trip starts at 2:30pm and arrives at Starks Corner at 4:30. Where ever that is, I'm guessing we will Find Out. It is a RAIN or SHINE ride so RSVP to Mary so that she can have an accurate count. 262-344-6228 or e-mail Mawalters57@gmail.com

Third is “Who Like BBQ ride” and who does not like BBQ on Saturday May 28th, yes that is The beginning of Memorial Day weekend. It is a short ride, I do not mean short riders, of about 75 miles. It starts at Thornton in Island Lake at Liberty Rd aka route 176 and Darrel Rd. 9am is the arrival time for the start of the ride. Returning to Micky D's in Crystal Lake around 2pm. Nice lunch ride.

Well in the words of Elmer Fudd that's all folks...for right now in the month of May!
Live to ride Ride to live!
VP Ric “Clutch” Case



Linda Jo Giovanonni

By: Traveler



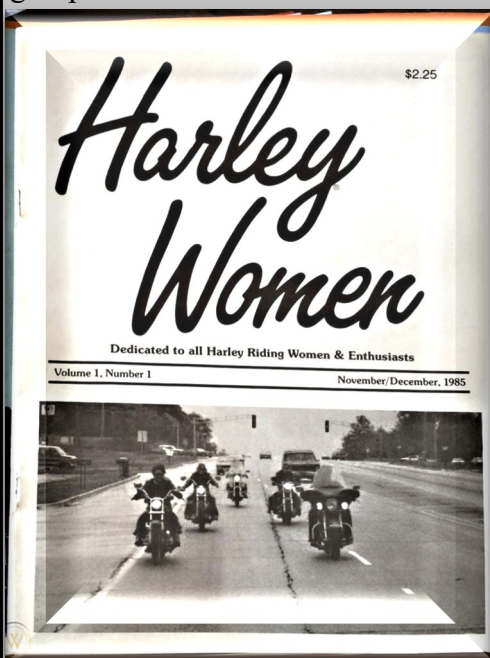
Nothing is more difficult than hearing of the loss of a friend or loved one. Announcing it is also difficult.

Our good friend and long-time Top Cats affiliate, [Linda Jo Giovanonni](#), has lost her battle with cancer. Jo recently relocated to Texas

to be closer to her family, but unfortunately passed away shortly after moving. Jo's family and the City Limits HOG Chapter are planning a memorial service May 22nd.

Jo Giovannoni began riding in 1967 in the Chicago suburbs, never dreaming that it would lead to her becoming the 5th woman inducted into the National Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

In the mid-1970s, Jo was very active in motorcycle rights and in 1983 she co-founded the second chapter of Women in the Wind (WITW), now an international group.



In 1985, she co-founded *Harley Women® Magazine*, which was created for women motorcycle riders. Jo also started the Queen of the Hill Drag Race, an all-women all-Harley® drag race held during the Black Hills Motor Classic in Sturgis, S.D. In 1991, Jo ap-

peared in the film *She Lives to Ride* by Alice Stone of Filkela Films and was a guest speaker when the film debuted at the Chicago Art Institute.

Her involvement with Harley Women led to appearances on national shows such as Geraldo, The Vicki Lawrence Show, National Public Radio and many more.

The book "Hear Me Roar," by Ann Ferrar, also features Jo.

In 1992, Jo and her former partner were included in the American Motorcycle Association's Heritage Motorcycle Museum's display on "Women in Motorcycling." Jo also appeared on one of the Harley-Davidson® People collector cards (similar to baseball cards).

Jo was a good friend and significant other to "Jerky Man", one of the founding members of Top Cats who she rode with on many occasions.

In 2009, Jo's world changed when she was hit by a distracted driver. Her accident led to a position as an accident investigator for Hupy and Abraham, the creators of the "Watch for Motorcycles" campaign.

While many of us knew Jo, a fortunate few of us enjoyed a personal relationship with her. Jo's last visit to Top Cats was in June 2015 when she attended a meeting to discuss her adventures and her movie "She Lives To Ride".

The sadness over the loss of Linda Jo Giovanonni will be felt throughout the community of motorcyclists and certainly within Top Cats.

We remain thankful for the opportunity to have known such an accomplished woman, such a successful business person, a good friend, and a lady whose legacy will never perish.



Another enjoyable Kick-off Ride!

By: Mike 'Motorcycle' Bradbury, Sr. Road Captain

We all saw it coming. The weather for our Kick Off ride on April 23rd was predicted to be sunny with a high temperature of 80 degrees. My excitement to lead the ride grew as the date neared. I received 13 R.S.V.P.s which is at least more than a third of the active Top Cat's members. My ride planning, GPX route file, turn-by-turns, email blasts, write-up for our calendar and a pre-ride on a rainy day with Gene Rigsby, my mentor, were all done and behind me. All indications were showing a fun ride awaited us.

I had added two special features with which to surprise the riders. One was to include as many roundabouts as possible resulting in a total of 9. It appears to me we need more group riding practice on these types of uncontrolled intersections so I added those on purpose!

The second surprise feature was adding rustic roads. As you probably know Wisconsin has a system of local scenic roads designated as Rustic Roads. For more information on the system, a blast was sent on April 25th. In summation; If you do 10 rustic roads, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will issue you a patch and keychain. If you do 25, you receive a certificate and a lapel pin or keychain. I added 6 total rustic roads to our ride.



We had a good pre-ride briefing and as Wayne regularly states, "morale must be too high" as everyone was in good spirits. We started about 12 minutes later than scheduled and proceeded on our route. The late start did not concern me as I feared, even with all my planning, that we would arrive a little early to lunch. We reached our first stop in about 55 minutes and all was going pretty well.

I added rustic roads to this journey to add more time to the ride to lunch and back. I included 10 minutes a stop to organize the logistics I required meaning at each rustic road sign, the plan was to park on the roadside in single file, allow a rider to then maneuver their motorcycle to in front of the RR sign,

walk over to the sign and to take a picture of the group with the bike in front of the sign.

2 out of 3 of the roads did not have numbered signs which eliminated stops and pictures leading to us arriving at lunch about 25 minutes earlier than planned, though not a problem overall.

Lunch was at Water Street Brewery in Grafton, Wisconsin, which is also known as Lake Country. Not sure, but probably due to the many lakes around there. An interesting feature of this area is shoreline roads. If you do any planning and see roads lining lake and other water body shores, you are probably in for a treat to motorcycle friendly roads. By the way, the same principle applies to roads by rivers.

After a fine lunch and plenty of socializing we started our journey home. Using Highway 83 until encountering our first Rustic Road #2, called Maple Ave., we did 6 roundabouts. Our group got separated at one point and I travelled 30 mph in a 45 mph zone for at least 1-2 miles giving them time to regroup with us. 3 riders got separated by a car and when coming to the next roundabout, they went in a different direction mistakenly following a different set of riders. They expected we had turned and thought the other riders were part of our group and waiting to show us where we turned. Unfortunately, we did not turn and kept going South on 83. Keep in mind – a rider will not stay back from the group ahead of yours on our rides if you get separated when you are supposed to continue going on the same road. I will talk more about this at our May general meeting.

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I want to thank the 5 deer that hurried to avoid us when they crossed our path. I saw the first 2 and you know what they say – there is always more than you can see. Also, thanks to the one sandhill crane that started to cross my path pretty close to my bike and thought better of it.

And, of course, thanks again to my riders for coming on the ride. The greatest gift you can give a road captain is doing their rides! You all were a super group to ride with!





GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES APRIL 5TH, 2022

Respectfully Submitted
by: Diana Lanute

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- ♦ 7:00 pm, Meeting called to order
- ♦ Pledge of Allegiance – All members and guests stood for the Pledge of Allegiance
- ♦ Guests – Introductions – Laura Culetta (NISRA); Rob and Camilla Rudy

Announcements

- ♦ 6th – Sandra Hotton BD
- ♦ 9th – Chuck Carlson BD
- ♦ 11th – Diana Lanute BD
- ♦ Sergeant at Arms patch - Andy Hazlakiewicz .

V.P. : Ric Case

- ♦ Ric Case gave us a brief overview of Top Cats history with the club's first Sturgis ride. More to come next month.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Wayne followed up on Ric's early history of Top Cats report.

Safety: Mike Bradbury

- ♦ Accident/safety review – Mike - Mike discussed the new LED helmet; the lights activate on acceleration, independent of braking system.
- ♦ Kaution Korner Preview – Please look in the May Roar to see Don's article.
- ♦ Kaution Korner – Gene discussed the following: T-CLOCKS, the motorcycle safety check list; oil spots on the road; getting yourself ready in addition to your gear and your bike. Wayne mentioned that the least seen color of motorcycle is a silver-colored one.

Safety Video: Rick Agrimonti

No video tonight.

Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- ♦ 4/9 – WSHD – We will have a booth. Lunch will be free.

Activities: Greg Smith/ Rick Agrimonti

Recent activities

- ♦ 3/5 – Dunn Museum with lunch afterwards - Noelle discussed this activity.
- ♦ 3/26 – GRASS class. The next one is in July.



Future activities

- ♦ 4/16 – Accident Scene Management Course, WSHD, Hall of Honor.
- ♦ 4/23 - Kick-off Ride – to start at Volo.
- ♦ 5/21 – Gene's Pick Up Ride ending with a picnic at his home.
- ♦ 5/22 - On Any Sunday Ride – Mary – Ride to a museum, have lunch and return.
- ♦ 6/25 – 6/26 – Overnight ride to Kalamazoo, MI. – Ted
- ♦ 7/31 - Leave for Sturgis – Mike Bradbury will put out information on this.
- ♦ Wayne - Front Range Ride is being planned.

Charity: Rich Lanute

Ride for Dreams (6/12/2022)

- ♦ Flyers are ready for Open House at WSHD.
- ♦ Mary discussed new Volo menu.

Products: Ted Makarewicz

- ♦ Ted discussed new apparel. Don gave a brief explanation of the meaning of black bandanas tied to the motorcycle handlebars

50/50 Raffle: Andy Hazlakeiwicz (absent)

No raffle tonight.

Picture Mike

A group picture was taken tonight.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm by Gene,
TC President





BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 12TH, 2022

Respectfully Submitted
by: Diana Lanute

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- ♦ Meeting called to order
- ♦ Immediate needs – None.
- ♦ Thanks for the open house – Thanks to those who were there.
- ♦ Projector review – Gene discussed a new projector tonight.
- ♦ Google docs log in

Top Cats docs login info:

- ♦ Username and password was made and a trial will be made of the documents

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ♦ Charity Ride – Purchase of trophies NTE \$125.

VP: Ric Case

- ♦ Ric discussed our chapter by-laws. We have 10 articles of by-laws. Suggestion made to educate all Board members of these by-laws, with a copy of and knowledge of by-laws. At our next meeting Ric will review by-laws and brief the Board on pertinent sections of the by-laws.

Treasury: Don DeLordo

- ♦ Discussion of the 50/50 raffle. Give members more reason to participate.

Activities: Greg Smith

- ♦ Future Events
- ♦ Calendar review - Apr/May, etc.
- ♦ 4/16 Accident Scene Management - Bradbury
- ♦ 4/23 - Kick-off ride – Bradbury
- ♦ 5/21 - Progressive Pickup Picnic - Rigsby.
- ♦ 5/22 - On Any Sunday Ride – Mary

Safety/RC: Mike Bradbury

- ♦ Update - Accident Scene Management – Mike said there are 25 committed (including the War Dogs) to attend.
- ♦ Safety training tracking – Updating files for the new year. Started fixed formats on GRASS class.

Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz

- ♦ New member mentor – If you bring in a new member, be their sponsor.
- ♦ Membership drive ideas?

Charity: Rich Lanute

- ♦ June 12th
- ♦ Save the date cards/Fliers drive – Gene gave out 100 info/flyers.
- ♦ Website update – Link to Ride for Dreams – Mary can make corrections as needed.
- ♦ Planning/meetings – No help needed on planning/meetings right now. Mike and Rich to promote demographic circulation of Save the Date cards.

Secretary: Diana Lanute: No Report

Meeting Adjourned: Gene 8:15pm



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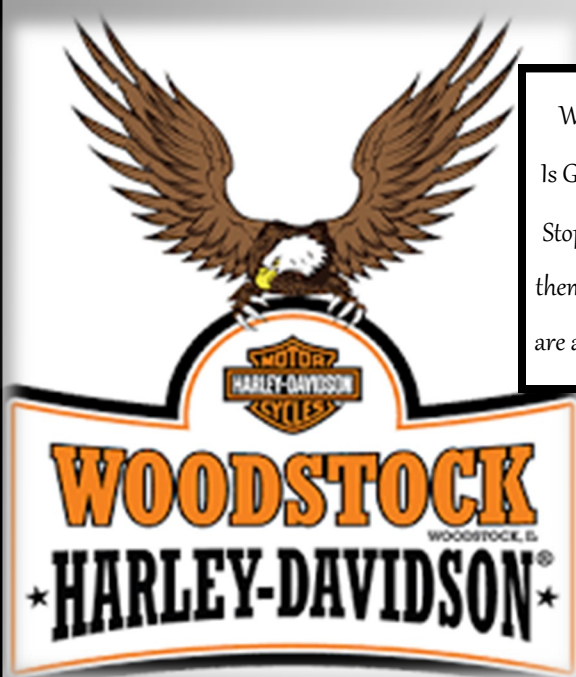
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breakfast and a jam
packed museum!

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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, May 10th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, May 10th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	After GM, If needed	Rigsby
Saturday, May 21st	Picnic Pick-up Ride	Your Home	Rigsby Home	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, May 22nd	On Any Sunday Ride	Thortons, Rte 62 and Lake Cook Rd	Polo, Illinois	8:300 am	M Kirkpatrick
Saturday, May 28th	Who Likes BBQ? Ride	Thortons, 27905 Il-176, Island Lake	BBQ	9:00 am	Bradbury
Tuesday, June 7th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Sunday June 12th	Ride For Dreams	Woodstock	Volo Auto Museum	8:00 am	Lanute/ W Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, June 14th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Saturday and Sunday June 25th –26th	In the Air and Under the Ground	TBD	In and Under	TBD	Makarewicz

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



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