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Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 4 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 BOARD MEETING
- 15 HAUNTED PICNIC RIDE

NOVEMBER

- 1 GENERAL MEETING
- 8 BOARD MEETING

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



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What will your bike be dressed as for Halloween?



The Ride that almost was...
Tom Malia and the crew were unable to complete the run... But watch for future opportunities to head to Potosi! And Ask Tom for etails!



PRESIDENT'S POINT

And Now a Word from your President...



Hello Top Cats!!

I hope all is well with you and your families, and you're starting to make plans for the holidays with them. Don't forget to save a bit of time to

spend with your Top Cats family out on the open road.

If you're thinking Like the song from Journey says "...winter is here again, oh lord.." ... I say no!!

What's the best way to stay socially distanced...? Visiting haunted places with your Top Cats family!!!

More on that later....

Thanks to Tom Malia for trying to sneak a ride in, to the Potosi Brewery as a replacement for Ric Case's memorial ride. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate. But, in true Top Cat fashion, the group made the best of it and went out for a good breakfast and Tom said he will get us out on that ride another day.



Although the days are getting shorter and the cold temps are upon us, there is time to get out and ride. One such opportunity to do so, will be what is becoming an annual ride for me. The Haunted Picnic

Ride. The ride will be October 15th. A bit too early to guess on the weather and this time of the year, all bets are off. So, bring your full ensemble and wear an extra pair of shorts, so you won't be naked when you are scared out of the first pair.... This year will be different in that Noelle and I (mostly Noelle), will have lunch prepared for all rather than bringing your own as we had done in the past (COVID precautions are no longer needed!). You don't need to come on the ride if you still would like to attend the picnic. Watch the calendar and for blasts with more information.

WE STILL HAVE OPEN SPACE ON THE CALENDAR.....And there can be some great fall weather to enjoy and fall colors to see. Let's go Road Captains!!! Let's fill the calendar in. Get your rides on the calendar so we can plan to attend. DO IT!!

Contact Mike, me or any of the Sr Road Captains if you need help getting a ride idea started. We can help.

Speaking of rides, get our events on your calendar and 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.

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



It's that time of the year again.... Fall riding season... Hell Yeah!!

We all know about the importance of preparing your bike for the early riding season. TCLOCS is a great way to remember how to do this for the first spring ride. But, getting your bike and yourself ready for fall riding is important too.

Generally, when thinking of fall riding, I think of cool weather and beautiful scenery. But several cautionary items come to mind as well. Like, watching for leaves on the road, early frost (could be in shady spots anytime, even on a mild day), deer, etc....

Here are some suggestions I know will help make your fall riding safe and some you can use throughout the year:

PLAN YOUR JOURNEY:

Plan your route to make the most of daylight hours. Add on extra time for your route. More than you would normally, to do the same route during the summertime. (Continued on pg. 3)

Riding with a First-time or Long-time Passenger

By: Gene 'Lucky' Rigsby, Senior Road Captain



Kaution Korner, Continued

Due to the colder conditions of riding in the fall, you may likely be stopping to warm up along the way. You'll also be tempering your speed due to more slippery road conditions. Plan that your daylight hours are few. So, pick routes that will bring you to your destination and back before dark.

CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST:

Pick the better weather forecasted day to take your ride if you can.

CHECK YOUR MOTORCYCLE BATTERY:

Be sure to charge up your motorcycle battery the night before to ensure a full charge for your ride. Colder weather makes your battery work more and it can lose its charge quicker than under normal dry warm conditions.

CHECK YOUR TIRES:

Due to colder nights and cooler temperatures, your motorcycle [tire pressure](#) may become low. Check your tire pressure for accuracy and proper inflation while also inspecting tread looking for worn tires. During colder weather rides, tread and pressure are equally important and necessary to ensure full grip.

COLD TIRES:

Your tires will take longer to warm up during colder temperature days. The first miles of your morning ride attacked with smoother than normal inputs as your tires and the road surface can be super slippery. Your tires will likely not warm to the point you're accustomed to in warmer temps and tires with soft rubber compounds need to warm to perform best. In the cold, they're hard and that traction can be greatly reduced. Go easy!

CHECK LIGHTING SYSTEM:

Be sure all your lights are functioning and if you can, increase your lighting quality and clean your lens. Read more on our tips to [BRIGHTEN UP](#).

MOTORCYCLE GEAR:

Be warm and be visible. Keeping and staying warm is key to a successful ride, and full concentration at the handlebars. It will be chilly and though you feel warm when you start, wind-chill will quickly change that factor. Heated gear is fabulous and of course add those extra linings to your jacket and pants. Winter riding gloves work well. Don't forget to layer with performance under garments and bring extra layers if you have the room. Wear high-visibility and reflective gear to make yourself visible to drivers.

LEAVES:

Leaves are slippery – as they begin to accumulate on the roadway, they can be very slick. Dry leaves can camouflage potholes and other road irregularities. Wet leaves are slippery and can appear unexpectedly in shaded areas. Wet or dry, riding through stacks of leaves

can reduce traction, making it difficult to stop.

ROAD SURFACE:

Be aware of frost on the roadway in the early morning hours. Be sure to pay particular attention for frost on bridge decks or other higher surfaces, railroad crossings, and in shady areas where the morning sun may not have melted the frost yet. Adjust your riding speed for the conditions

SUN GLARE:

The sun is lower in the sky at this time of year and its glare can be an issue for much of the day, depending on the direction you're riding. Along with this, as trees become barren of leaves, the patterns of light and shade can be like riding in a strobe light. This can be distracting and confusing. Good sunglasses or a tinted visor work best. Be sure not to forget your clear visor so you can switch for the ride home when it the sun is setting or down.

SPACE CUSHIONS:

Give yourself enough following distance and space cushioning. It's not only difficult for you to see the road this time of year, but equally challenging for other drivers to see you. Allow extra time to react both in front and behind you. Slow down, look further ahead and increase your following distance.

DEER AND MOOSE:

Autumn is the time of year deer and moose mate, meaning – they'll be more active. These animals are huge hazards for motorcyclists. Try to plan your ride during daylight hours only. The best defense is to stay aware, particularly while riding in rural areas. Scan the roadway ahead and just off the shoulders and watch for deer crossings. Typically, deer movement will peak at dusk and dawn. Areas where crops or timber are relatively close to the road will present the greatest challenge as these are ideal places for deer to cross. Unfortunately, it's these zones which provide you the shortest reaction time. Slow and prepare for the risk.

WIND:

This time of year, is usually accented by gusty strong winds. These can unsettle your bike and blow you a little off course within your lane. To manage this, look for signs. For example, try looking ahead at the trees and bushes, and note the behavior of other vehicles to see how the wind is affecting them. Strong winds are not constant, they are usually gusty. So, ensure you hold the handlebar handgrip firmly. Go slow enough to cope with the gusts.

With good planning you'll be able to enjoy one of the most pleasurable and spectacular riding seasons!

Excerpt from: 13 Things For A Great Ride suggested by <https://motoress.com>

Oil Spots

By Traveler



MOTORCYCLIST KILLED BY SELF-DRIVING CAR

A motorcyclist was killed on I-15 in Draper, Utah when a Tesla crashed into the back of the bike. The driver of the Tesla said he



had the 'auto-pilot' setting on and told police he didn't see the motorcyclist.

Wow, and even in a driverless vehicle, the 'I didn't see the motorcyclist' gets a rider killed.

I wonder who the biker's family gets to sue? The Driver? Tesla? The Software Company?

UN TO ALLOW INCREASED SPEED FOR AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

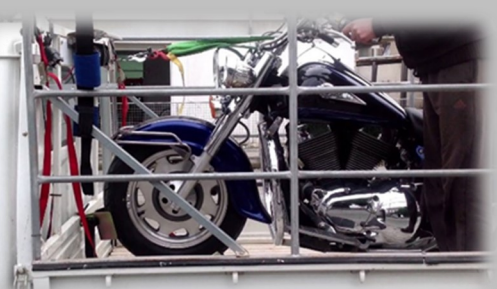
The United Nations (UN) is set to allow for an increase in speed for the operation of self-driving vehicles, as well as new tests focused on how well they can detect motorcycles. Until now, the speed limit for the autonomous driving of vehicles has been 37mph, but that is now set to increase to 80.7mph. The amendment also allows for autonomous lane changes, and is set to be implemented from January 2023. The regulation also states that "all tests that need to be conducted for a system like ALKS (Automated Lane Keeping System) or LCP (Lane Change Procedure), have to be carried out with a passenger car target as well as a powered two-wheeler target."

This means that, although the autonomous technology is able to operate at a higher rate of speed, the safety for bikers when approaching an autonomous vehicle should now be improved upon, because their ability to detect motorcycles should (hopefully) be improved.



HONDA DEVELOPING LANE ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR THE BIKES OF THE FUTURE

Recent patent filings from Honda for camera- and radar-enabled lane assist for motorcycles would keep their bikes in



lane via AI. "Lane assist" is a commonality now in modern cars, but not so common in motorcycles, as electronic aids which detract from the actual riding of motorcycle for the person holding the handlebars are generally avoided by the manufacturers, who do not want to lose their core enthusiasts, which is also why autonomous technology has not advanced far in the two-wheeled world, especially compared to the much larger automobile market and tech-hungry car culture.

Honda is developing their lane-keeping assist system (LKAS) with the aim of making accidents a thing of the past, but if they are to reach their goal of slashing car and motorcycle deaths by half in the next eight years and bring the number down to zero by 2050, we can expect to see a massive influx of rider-assistance systems like this in the very near future.

The plan combines driver assistance tech with a predictive AI computer system that can spot situations which lead to driving errors before they happen and is intended to be introduced in the second half of this decade.

Further ahead, the intention is to introduce "Safe and Sound Network Technology" that allows cars, bikes, roadside furniture and even pedestrians (via their phones) to communicate, allowing a server to create a virtual model of traffic movement to predict and prevent accidents before they even start to unfold. The system is scheduled to be phased in from the 2030s.



UK TO BAN THE SALE OF NEW FOSSIL FUELED MOTORCYCLES

The government of the United Kingdom has launched an open consultation, called "L-category vehicles: ending sales of new non-zero emission models," in which they announce a sales ban for new non-zero emission motorcycles from 2035.

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Oil Spots, , Continued...

'L-category' vehicles include 2- and 3-wheeled mopeds, motorcycles, trikes, sidecar-equipped motorbikes, and quadricycles, and in the consult the government clearly states: "While cars and vans vastly outnumber motorcycles on UK roads, motorcycles are an important and sizeable vehicle population, with 1.3 million currently licensed in 2021. We do not want to see them remaining fossil-fueled as the rest of our vehicles clean up."

The British government has already committed to phasing out new cars and vans that run solely on petrol or diesel by 2030, and all new non-zero emission road vehicles by 2040.

JURY ACQUITS TRUCKER CHARGED WITH SEVEN-COUNT MOTORCYCLE HOMICIDE



On the morning of June 21, 2019, truck-driver Volodymyr Zhukovskyy admitted to driving under the influence of fentanyl, heroin and cocaine before crashing his 2016 Dodge Ram 2500 Tradesman

crew-cab pickup into a pack of Marine Corps veterans riding their motorcycles near Randolph, New Hampshire, killing seven members of the Jarheads Motorcycle Club.

Prosecutors argued that Zhukovskyy, who had previous DUI convictions and should have had his license suspended, repeatedly swerved back and forth before the collision and told police he caused it. But the judge dismissed eight charges related to whether he was impaired, based on a contested blood test, and his defense attorneys blamed the lead biker for causing the accident, claiming that "he was drunk and not looking where he was going when he lost control of his motorcycle and slid in front of Zhukovskyy's truck."

This high-profile case has garnered staggering coverage across the country, and the surprising verdict has been soundly criticized by many, including New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu (R) who said he shares in the "shock, outrage, and anger that so many have expressed" since the crash. "The Fallen Seven did not receive justice today, and that is an absolute tragedy," Gov. Sununu stated.



STURGIS TRAFFIC DOWN, BUT HIGHER THAN AVERAGE

The good news is; the Department of Transportation counted over half a million vehicles entering Sturgis, South Dakota during the 82nd annual Black Hills Motorcycle Rally week, but the bad news; that's

down 4.4% from last year.

The city of Sturgis estimated the 2021 attendance at 555,000. Although down from 2021, the 2022 total vehicle count is still higher than the five-year average of 492,535.

Some worried initially that gas prices -- which hovered near \$5 a gallon mid-summer -- might have deterred people from attending this year's Rally, but according to Ainslie; "With a lot of individuals that come here, no matter what, they're going to be coming."

MORE THINGS THAT YOU PONDER ON A LOOONG MOTORCYE RIDE

► Shouldn't cookies be called bakies since you bake them and don't cook them?

► If man evolved from monkeys and

apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?

► What if there were no hypothetical questions?

► Is there another word for synonym?

► Where do forest rangers go to get away from it all?

► Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

► Why are gas station restrooms always locked? Are they afraid that someone will break in and clean it?

► If police arrest a mute, do they still have to inform him that he has the right to remain silent?

► Just what was the best thing before sliced bread?

► Ever notice that egotist don't talk about other people?

► Is it really possible to have a "Civil" war?"

► Shouldn't hemorrhoids and asteroids swap their definition?

► Why does cheese have an expiration date?

► Can an atheist be insured against Acts of God?

► Why do some shops have signs "Guide Dogs Only"? Dogs can't read and their owners are blind.



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Oil Spots, continued...

HONDA'S GLOBAL EV PLAN

FUN EV

Japan / USA / Europe



Launch 4 models

(3 large FUN EV models / 1 EV model for kids) by 2024 - 2025

Battery-electric vehicles are all the talk right now, and many companies are working

hard to ramp up production of many different types of machines. Honda's motorcycle has just announced its global plan to launch "10 or more" EV models by 2025.

The plan starts with small machines like electric bicycles and mopeds which suit the Asian markets before progressing to larger bikes, likely to allow Honda to capitalize on lessons learned from the smaller offerings. The U.S. won't see anything targeted at it until 2024-25, when Honda rolls out that second category, since those larger machines better suit our uses and roadways.

Honda is the largest producer of motorcycles in the world by a huge margin, and this big push comes relatively late compared to the likes of Harley Davidson, which brought the Livewire out in 2019. Honda's plan appears to have reasonable milestones, especially for a brand of its size.



Post-Accident Awareness

Excerpts from Rod Taylor Sep 22 ABATE Newsletter

► If you belong to ABATE, check with their legal department ASAP at

www.abatelegal.com.

- Do not give any recorded or written statement to the insurance company without your lawyer's permission.
- Get a copy of the police accident report with names and statements of witnesses.
- ID witnesses and get names, emails, phone numbers, etc.
- Take as many photos as you can of the scene including skid marks, road signs, vehicles, damaged clothing / helmets, speed limit signs, etc. Photograph the other party's damages also.

► Photograph personal injuries and get medical treatment records.

► Keep track of all medical care; doctor visits, xrays, scans, medications, therapy. Include physical symptoms.

► Track all missed work and social opportunities due to injuries and appointments.

► Get copies of all citations. If you are not at fault but get cited....fight it!

Vehicle Breathalyzers?



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is recommending that all new vehicles in the U.S. be equipped with blood alcohol monitoring systems that can stop an intoxicated person from driving.

Arguably a good idea that may reduce those horrific car vs motorcycle disasters but, can you imagine the impact of such legislation if applied to motorcycles?

The recommendation, if enacted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) could reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes, one of the biggest causes of highway deaths in the U.S.

The new push to make roads safer was included in a report recently released about a horrific crash last year in which a drunk driver collided head-on with another vehicle near Fresno, California, killing both adult drivers and seven children.

The NTSB, which has no regulatory authority and can only ask other agencies to act, said the recommendation is designed to put pressure on NHTSA to move. It could be effective as early as three years from now.

Under last year's bipartisan infrastructure law, Congress required NHTSA to make automakers install alcohol monitoring systems within three years. The agency can seek an extension. In the past it has been slow to enact such requirements.



25 Things you Should Know About Bikers...

Read the entire article at:
<https://www.hotcars.com/things-outsiders-dont-understand-about-motorcycle-culture/>

Submitted by: Mary Kirkpatrick



- 25 Riding Makes Us Better At Driving Cars via Top Gear
- 24 Everyday Fashion Is Often Inspired By Bikers via Pinterest
- 23 We Practically Have Our Own Language via Pinterest
- 22 Most Clubs Aren't Gangs via Popculture
- 21 Riding Is Healthy via Townnews
- 20 Bikers Do A Lot Of Charity Work via Rekordnorth
- 19 Female Riders Are Welcome via Cnbc
- 18 The Information You're Fed By The Media Is Wrong via life of a rider
- 17 It Has Nothing To Do With Being A Badboy Or Rebel via Pinterest
- 16 There Are Different Subcultures In The Motorcycle Subculture via Motorcycle
- 15 Respect Is Key via Xbhp
- 14 Don't Ever Touch Another Man's Bike via Buffalochip
- 13 It's Freedom via Techprone
- 12 Riding Forces You To Live In The Moment via Geton
- 11 Every Ride Is An Adventure via Triumphmotorcycles
- 10 We Will Always Take The Long Way Home via Honda
- 9 Motorcycling Is A Lifestyle via Amazon
- 8 Most Riders Don't Like Squids via gixxer
- 7 You're Never Done Learning via Ridewell
- 6 We Wave To Strangers via canyon chasers
- 5 Riding A Motorcycle Can Be More Economical Than Driving via Bikesrepublic
- 4 We Already Know It's "Dangerous" via Pinterest
- 3 You Are The Biggest Threat To Our Safety via OregonLive
- 2 We Position Ourselves Certain Places For A Reason via pinterest
- 1 You'll Never Understand It Until You Try

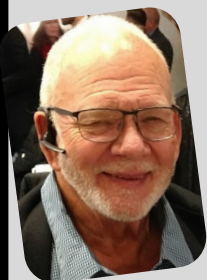
I was curious about #23 and found this site: <https://axleaddict.com/motorcycles/Biker-Lingo...>

It has all of the biker 'lingo' from A to Z! Here's a start...

- **A's & 8s/Aces & 8s:** Deadman's Hand. Legendary poker hand drawn by Wild Bill Hickok just before he was murdered.
- **ABATE:** The ABATE acronym is understood to have several meanings. ABATE is a social club and lobbying organization that seeks to preserve and regain legal rights on behalf of the motorcycling community.
- **AFFA:** Angels Forever, Forever Angels. A sign of loyalty referring to the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club.
- **ATGATT:** All The Gear All The Time. Refers to the wearing of all safety gear (helmets, jacket, etc.) at all times while riding.
- **AMA:** American Motorcyclist Association.
- **Aftermarket:** Parts and accessories that are not OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) made.
- **Air-Cooled:** Engines cooled by airflow rather than through liquid cooling that is typical of cars; a bit of a misnomer as all engines are also oil-cooled, including air-cooled engines
- **Airheads:** A term used to refer to older, air-cooled BMW motorcycles.
- **Analog Gauges:** Mechanical/non-digital gauges.
- **Anti-Dive System:** A component of some front-end suspension systems designed to reduce front fork compression (dive) when under hard braking.
- **Ape Hangers:** High handlebars that rise above the rider's shoulders, The rider assumes a posture reminiscent of an ape hanging from a branch.

Check out the rest of the alphabet at the website above!

Now that's a girl who really wants to ride! She's not taking no for an answer!



V.P.'s Vision



How bad can it be. Well, I have some personal experience that can hopefully help you avoid and prevent the effects of dehydration. And maybe get you thinking about a ride to southern states with a whole lot of History and good people!

On the July 4th weekend in 2000, my wife and I decided to go to New Orleans for a HOG conference. I rode - she flew. I was riding with jeans over the ankle boots but wearing a sleeveless shirt. Dehydration Avoidance, **Tip #1: Wearing Synthetic base layers will wick away moisture from skin, which increases the body's cooling**

system of evaporation! Also, wearing stretchy tight-fitting layers helps with circulation and prevents fatigue. Check out some of the new vests and other clothing developed to help avoid dehydration! It was going to be a very HOT weekend. July 3rd was the designated Holiday. I started out from home at 6:30am. My route took me down I-57. At about 9:30 am I stopped for breakfast at McDonalds. It was the right time for a large cup of coffee. Now, sometimes this isn't the best choice, and this was one of those times. As you may know coffee dehydrates. **Dehydration Avoidance Tip #2: Avoid caffeine and alcohol! Water or water with electrolytes are essential to stay hydrated in tough situations. You really don't have to worry about bathroom stops because of drinking in these times, as your body eliminates liquids through sweating. The usual stops every 1.5 or 2 hours will be all you'll need... for hydration and for elimination!**

I continued on and realized my route connected with I-55 thru Missouri. I had a CB on my 97 ultra. I began frantically quizzing everybody about whether or not this is a helmet state. As luck would have it...I was about to find out. An approaching police car turned on his red and blues, immediately did a u turn and pulled me over. He said, "this how it works. We are real old fashioned about helmets. If you have a helmet and put it on I write you a warning. If you get stopped again you will get a ticket." Of course I put mine on! At that point I called Suburban H-D and insisted they set aside a half helmet for Jacquie. She was planning to wear a hotter than hell snowmobile helmet. She argued with me but relented. She thanked me over and over for the entire trip for making her pick up that helmet. **Dehydration Avoidance Tip #3: Helmets are important for many reasons, but the truth is that wearing one will also help you avoid dehydration. It keeps the sun from heating the head and also helps to remind you to stop every so often so that you can remove the helmet and cool the head and the rest of you regularly. Some of the new helmets now come with 'hydration systems'. Check them out!**



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VP's Vision Cont.

Next, I am not ready to stop for gas but I am not feeling very well. I am actually a little bit nauseated. So, I stop, get gas just north of Memphis and go inside. Now I am feeling lightheaded. So I grab some Gatorade and water. There is a booth nearby, so I wedge into it. The next thing I realized, I had lost about 20 minutes. Soon after that the manager came over and said you cannot sleep here. I explained I was suffering from dehydration. Well, he could not do enough to help me. Brought me more water. **Dehydration Avoidance Tip #4: Water is the good, water with electrolytes better, avoiding this situation is the best! Some other possible additions to your strategies include the water soaked scarves, shirts and vests that will help to keep core body temp in a more normal range.**

Pretty soon as I was starting to feel better but not fully recovered. As I was contemplating my next move in walks in a female rider fully geared up and riding a sportster. I explained my situation to her and asked if we could ride together. Since she was going to same conference she agreed, but I would have to lead. She was hooking up with some friends.

Dehydration Avoidance Tip #5: Ride with friends who will be able to recognize symptoms/signs of dehydration that you might be missing. They can help get to resources before it becomes a critical situation.

About 10pm we arrived in Jacksonville LA. We checked in, grabbed some dinner, and called it a night at midnight. We agreed to start at 7am, so that I could be at the New Orleans Airport by 11am. Her friends decided to sleep in, so we took off together and I was able to rendezvous with Jacquie. After I picked her up, we went to the Conference center. There we met some folk who were leaving for Baton Rouge Monday. They invited us to join them around 9:30 Monday. We accepted. Spent all day Sunday partying on the square and learned all about New Orleans. Did you know that the fire in 1888 that almost crippled the city. One outcome was all future buildings had to be Made of some sort of Mason. Great for fires and has also helped buildings to stand during the floods too!

Dehydration Avoidance Tip #6: Different kind of tip here... Some thoughts to motivate you to address dehydration so that you can enjoy the places that you go! So many things to learn and enjoy, but if you are not feeling well or compromising your health, you will miss them. And possibly cause others to miss them too!

Monday we met up with our new friends and rode to Baton Rouge. Then we proceeded up the Mississippi River to Memphis stopping every half hour to 45 minutes to water down. Now as dusk came upon us, our windshields got plaster with all kind of bugs so that the approached lights blinded us. We then decided to have dinner to avoid getting blinded by bugs. So we arrive in Memphis around midnight said goodbye to our new found friends.

Tuesday we enjoyed a buffet lunch at the dealership. Now the temperature was 104 degrees so we did everything to avoid the heat. Did I say the heat index was 120 in New Orleans? **Dehydration Avoidance Tip #7: Similar to #6. Take precautions so that you can address other issues more effectively as they arise!**

After the conference, Jacquie took a shuttle from the hotel and flew home. I started out at 4:00 pm to avoid the heat and after a few rest stops arrived home about 3:30am Wednesday morning. **Dehydration Tip #8: Riding in the cooler times of the day is a great way to avoid dehydrating. Although it isn't advisable to ride through the night, it is helpful if there are no other options. Finding the cooler times of day over a number of days may be the better option.**

We learned what to avoid when it is hot. Caffeine and alcohol. Riding during the hottest hours also helps to avoid dehydration.

What we can do to be proactive includes drinking lots of potassium-based drinks along the way, dress in clothing that assists in the evaporation process and take plenty of stops to make checks on your and other riders' condition. Also, be aware of dehydration symptoms like dizziness, feeling lightheaded, nausea and a lack of sweating!

I hope I was able to teach you something's about dehydration and heat exhaustion. What to do and what NOT to do.

Your Instructing VP
Ric "Clutch" Case

BabyChakra

SYMPTOMS OF DEHYDRATION



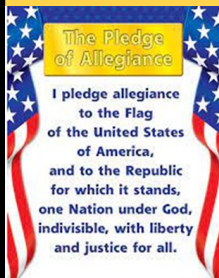
- Increased thirst and dry tongue
- State of fatigue, confusion, and anger
- Blurred vision
- Headache
- Muscle cramps
- Lack of sweat and dark urine
- Fever and dry skin

Dark Urine is one of the easiest symptoms to use for identifying dehydration.



General Membership Meeting Minutes September 6th, 2022

Respectfully Submitted
by: Diana Lanute



President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- 7:00 pm, Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- No guests tonight!
- Announcements
- 9/5 Bruce Handler, B-Day
- 9/9 Andy Haszlekiewicz, B-Day
- 9/11 Mary Kirkpatrick, B-Day
- 9/15 Bob Parquette, B-Day
- 9/22 George Raab, B-Day
- 9/4 Wayne and Mark Kirkpatrick, Anniversary

V.P.: Ric Case

- Ric gave a short talk on Virgo and his passion for motorcycling and the club. He nurtured a connection between the business world and the motorcycle community. He loved riding at the back of the pack so that he could see everyone and watch over the group.
- This and other bits were shared in memory of the man who began Top Cats. Check with Ric for more stories of Top Cats AND Virgo!

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne discussed the bulls-eye game that the group played on the way to Sturgis and beyond. It was fun and it surely added a little more edge to the ride. Everyone worked to find the 'right spot' and it got everyone together for the 'winner buys' end of the day gathering

Safety: Mike Bradbury

- Kaution Korner Safety Tip – Gene gave everyone a preview of next month's KK on fall riding! Check out the next ROAR for cool weather tips!
- Kaution Korner – Greg reviewed his article that was in the August ROAR on riding with new riders. See the ROAR for details!

Safety Videos: Mike Bradbury

How to pick-up your motorcycle:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jity_eM2Gu4
- Short video on the best way to pick up a bike without causing self-harm!

Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- New member into/welcome package was given to David Ramirez. Welcome, David!

Activities: Rick Agrimonti / GregSmith

Recent activities were reviewed, and highlights recalled:

- 7/31-8/9: Sturgis – Boand was absent.
- 8/6 - 8/9: FRR satellite ride – Mike Bradbury
- 8/13 – Manny's Breakfast Ride – Don DeLordo
- 8/14 – Kimball's Lunch Ride – Greg Smith! Tom Malia came along on this one!
- 8/9-8/15: Front Range Ride – Wayne Kirkpatrick
- 8/26 - 8/28: Field of Dreams (Eat your way through Iowa Ride)- Ted Makarewicz

Future activities were previewed.

- 9/25: Memorial Ride – Ric Case has cancelled the Memorial Ride. All Road Captains are called to see if they can take it for Ric!
- 10/15: Haunted Picnic Ride – Gene R
- 9/18: Rolling Thunder 20th Thunder Run - Ted
- Call for a Road Captain ready to do a Satellite ride to the event?

RCs. Lots of opportunity to put on a ride for your Top Cat family!!!

Charity: Rich Lanute was absent

- Mary Kirkpatrick asked for ideas for the next event and for all members to think about getting involved! The Committee will begin meeting in January

Products: Ted Makarewicz

- Ted energetically made the call for members to check out the merchandise and make an addition to their wardrobe!

50/50 Raffle was not played tonight because Andy Hazliekewicz was not in attendance tonight.

Picture was taken by Mike Bradbury!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 by Gene Rigsby, President of Top Cats Illinois!



BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2022

Respectfully Submitted
by: Diana Lanute

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- ✦ Meeting called to order by Gene Rigsby, President.:
- ✦ Emails / Articles need attention: Emails - We must encourage members to answer emails in a timely fashion on voting, etc. Articles - Turn in articles on time for ROAR printing. Voting on new members – No one should be asking for a vote on new members. Ted should initiate request and keep count to note approval or non-approval.
- ✦ Immediate needs? None.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ✦ Open discussion – Nothing to discuss.

VP: Ric Case

- ✦ Open discussion – By-laws state terms of office to be 2 years and three consecutive terms may be held in same office. Ric to talk about requirements for voting at next Board Meeting.

Treasurer: Don DeLordo

- ✦ Report/review – No change in charity account in July. The max we can give charity now is \$2,000.

Activities: Greg Smith

Future Events

- ✦ Calendar review - Sept/Oct, etc..
- ✦ 9/25 - Mississippi River and Potosi WI lunch Ride - Malia
- ✦ 10/15 - Haunted picnic ride - Rigsby's
- ✦ We can use more rides.
- ✦ Should the Onion Pub be given \$250 deposit to hold the room? Our 8 new members may help us in terms of head count necessary for quoted pricing. This venue is good – continue with it.

Safety/RC: Mike Bradbury

- ✦ RC activity ideas – We have many new members to be surveyed regarding rides we can take.

Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz (ABS)

- ✦ The Board Reviewed information sent to Gene.
- ✦ New member application – Frank Esposito is taken off membership list. No answer to 2-3 calls. No check. Decision to wait on his check and Ted's approval notice. There are membership package changes - birthdates and emails are to be added.
- ✦ New member mentor - Assign mentors
- ✦ Membership drive ideas?
- ✦ Product needs – Mike Bradbury found products we might want to have members buy from Lands End and put on our logo.
- ✦ Jane will send out the roster. We need to square away GRASS class on each member.
- ✦ Membership dues – At next Board Meeting we will vote on raising dues.

Charity: Rich Lanute

- ✦ Nothing this month.

Secretary: Diana Lanute

- ✦ Nothing this month

**Meeting Adjourned 8:40pm By Gene Rigsby,
President of TC IL**





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October Birthdays and Anniversaries!

2 Tom Malia
11 Bozenna Haszlakiewicz
22 Rick Agrimonti
22 Ric Case
22 Victoria Well
30 Gene Rigsby



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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, October 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, October 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, October 15th	Haunted Picnic Ride	TBD	TBD	TBD	Rigsby
Tuesday, November 1st	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, November 8th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
IDEAS?	Talk to	Greg or Rick	And get them	On the	Calendar!

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



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