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Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 3 GENERAL MEETING
- 10 BOARD MEETING
- 14 RIDE FOR SCREAMS
- 22 GRASS CLASS

NOVEMBER

- 7 GENERAL MEETING
- 14 BOARD MEETING



The Shadow of a Bike on the Road!
 We had no pictures of a REAL bike on the road
 for September...
 Let's make sure we have one for the next
 ROAR!

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





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PRESIDENT'S POINT

And Now a Word from your President...



Hello Top Cats Family!!

Well the weather was a bit dicey in September but it shouldn't have been much of a deterrent. Did you get out for a ride or 2. What a deterrent is, is a lack of ride options... Unfortunately, we had no rides listed on the calendar for September. I am planning to change this for October. More on this later.

Aside from that. Yes, more great riding opportunities are still to come this year. Check the Top Cats calendar now, and get any rides listed on your calendar so you don't miss the action!! Don't see any? Ask your RCs what's up with that.. at the October General Meeting and see if they would be interested in leading a ride you may have an idea for. We spoke about a couple options at the September meeting but they were a little bit short notice to work out. Next time.

Rides in September...

None... WOW!!

Rides in October...

Ride for Screams! - 10/14 - Rigsby: A ride out to some nearby haunted places. Stopping at each for an overview of what makes them so haunted, ending with a lunch and campfire at the Rigsby house. If you can't attend the ride but want to attend the lunch and campfire...?? Let me know know in advance and I can provide the details.

Come on RCs!! Let's get some rides together, **quick**. **Doesn't need to be complex...** **Just do it!!**

Elections are coming...

Thank you to Wayne for managing the election this year, and at the same pay rate as last year. You should have seen a blast about this already. Please read through it and prepare for the election.

G.R.A.S.S.

Speaking of the election, the top requirement to vote is to be a member in good standing. To do this, you must be up to date with all the requirements which includes attending G.R.A.S.S. Lucky for you, Mike Bradbury has arrangements underway so you will have an opportunity to fulfill this requirement on October 22nd. Visit the Top Cats calendar for details and RSVP to Mike ASAP.

Dues 2023

2023 Dues time is here. You should have received an invoice from Don via email or postal service. If not, please speak to him or I at the October or November general meeting. Current dues status is also a requirement to vote, so please address ASAP.

As usual, watch for blasts and check the Top Cats event calendar regularly and by all means **SAVE THE DATES** first. Don't forget to get any activity or ride ideas to Rick Agrimonti or Greg Smith.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me at any time via my email: Gene.rigsby@gmail.com, or phone, 847-770-9425.

Looking forward to seeing you there....

Gene "Lucky" Rigsby





KAUTION KORNER

Slippery When Wet or DRY?

By: Greg Smith
Senior Road Captain



Fall has arrived and will soon award us with its beautiful colors. There is no better way to experience and enjoy these colors than riding a motorcycle on the open roads.

However, Fall also presents us with its own unique set of road hazards. Being aware of them and watching out for them is critical.

Fall brings beautifully colored leaves and wonderful smells of harvest. That's the good side of fall that we love and look forward to. The other side of that coin is the leaves falling, covering roads and harvest season with its busy time for farmers and their equipment.

The first thing we need to be aware of and understand is our Contact Patch. This is the location point at which our tire meets the road. With a motorcycle, the contact patch is only a few square inches under each tire. This means as a motorcycle rider you cannot afford to have anything between your tire and the pavement effectively eliminating our contact patch. In the fall, such things as leaves, dirt clumps, seeds, grains and loose gravel are more common.

Leaves hold moisture and as they start to decay, they generate more moisture. The leaves on the top of a



patch or pile may appear to be dry and blowing around. However, the leaves underneath, on the road surface,

may be wet and starting to decay causing very slippery oil-like conditions. When riding you always try to avoid oil on the road. Likewise, you should do your best to avoid leaves.

Falling leaves can also cover and camouflage road hazards. What may appear to be a small pile of leaves may not be a pile at all but in fact, a few leaves covering an obstruction on the road such as a rock, stick, or chunk of asphalt. Patches of leaves may also cover other serious road obstructions such as potholes, large cracks, and uneven road surfaces.

During harvest, farmers are pulling their equipment in and out of the fields leaving long tracks of dirt and mud from their tires on the roads. They are also loading and hauling corn and beans that often spill out on the roads.

Riding a motorcycle through such a spill can be very dangerous. This material on the roads, either wet or dry, is like riding over small marbles.



The best thing to do while enjoying all the beauty of a fall ride is to make an effort to avoid riding through those tempting piles and patches of leaves. Keep alert for corn and grains that may have fallen from farm wagons or trucks. Avoid any mud and dirt tracks on the roads from the farm equipment. Most of all enjoy the uniqueness of fall, ride safe, and get out there and take in those fall smells and see those beautiful colors!



Oil Spots

By Traveler



According to the South Dakota Department of Revenue, sales tax collections at the 2023 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally are currently at \$1,446,526, down 6% from 2022.

When is the 84th Sturgis Rally? The 2024 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is scheduled for Aug. 2-11, 2024. Get a jumpstart on 2024 by contacting Bard Board, bard.board@att.net, to make hotel arrangements.

How Big Was The 2023 Sturgis Rally?

Now that the books have officially closed on another incredible Sturgis Rally, everyone is asking the same question – How big was the 83rd Sturgis Rally in 2023?

This year’s 2023 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally attendance was down 8.1% from 2022.

South Dakota Department of Transportation reported traffic counts of 458,161.

According to the official traffic numbers released by the South Dakota Department of Transportation, the 83rd Rally in 2023 was not nearly as big as 82nd in 2022, with 497,835 vehicles.

**STURGIS RALLY
10 DAY
ATTENDANCE TOTALS**

2023: 458,161 Vehicles
down 8.1% from 2022

2022: 497,835 Vehicles

2021: 525,768 Vehicles

2020: 462,182 Vehicles

2015 (75th Rally): 747,032 Vehicles

Source: South Dakota DOT

The South Dakota Office of Highway Safety reports that DUI arrests, citations, warnings, non-injury crashes, and injury crashes, were all down. Misdemeanor drug arrests, felony drug arrests, and fatalities were all up.

**83RD STURGIS RALLY
STATISTICS**

DUI Arrests: 96

Misdemeanor Drug Arrests: 182

Felony Drug Arrests: 129

Total Citations: 900

Total Warnings: 2,599

Non-Injury Crashes: 22

Injury Crashes: 20

Fatal Crashes: 4

Fatalities: 4

Source: South Dakota Office of Highway Safety

BMW of North America issues “stop sale” on motorcycles

BMW of North America has issued a “stop sale” on all its motorcycles at BMW motorcycles at BMW dealerships.

The reason: “Following a recent quality analysis, BMW is pursuing measures to further



evaluate the material used in a component of its motorcycle evaporative system, which may not have been produced to material specifications.”

It’s evidently purely emissions-related, “not safety related, and BMW owners may continue to ride their motorcycles as normal.”

The stop sale was issued in early September, and for a while, the circumstances spawned plenty of conspiracy theories until the company issued a press release. You can still buy and sell used bikes, just not from a BMW dealership. It covers every product BMW has, new and used, except for the electric CE 04 scooter.

The fact that all used BMWs are included suggests that the issue may have been going on for a while, but that hasn’t been confirmed. Whether the federal government is involved, and whether there will be a recall, is unclear.

The timing of the stop sale notice may be unfortunate, as the company is about to introduce its new flagship, the R 1300 GS. Whether or not this issue will affect the North American launch of that bike is unknown.

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Oil Spots, continued...

NEW SPEED CAMERA CAN CATCH YOU EVEN IF YOU SLOW DOWN



It's a common way to deal with a speed camera - you spot it, brake, and speed up again once you've passed it. But with a new kind of

speed camera system, doing so might still land you with a fine through the mail.

The new setup has been tested in Spain, and since that test phase was reportedly successful, we could well see the cameras rolled out in the US. It involves two additional radars to pick up vehicles anywhere up to a half mile before and after the camera, so if you slow down for the camera and/or nail it again after, you may still get ticketed.

If introduced, these devices will catch and ticket more speeders, encouraging more drivers to stick to legal limits and improve road safety.

By capturing drivers who slam on the brakes before passing the speed camera, as well as using technology to apprehend motorists who speed up again after the camera, the new radar devices will be able to catch many more motorists than current systems.

Nothing's confirmed yet, although the US seems ready and willing to adopt new speed camera technology. For instance, bi-directional cameras (above) are now here and are proving very effective. Road safety partnership Vision Zero South West reported that in their first few days of operation, four of the new cameras picked up over 3,200 offenders.

Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Motorcycle Ride



VISALIA, Calif. The Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Motorcycle Ride made its way

through the Visalia, CA area in early September.

"It represents one of those fallen soldiers that we are honoring on this particular trip and so it is guarded every night when we sleep, we salute it every time we stop," said Warren Williamson, EP of the Oregon Chapter of the Program. "We do it every year and we make stops along our route to honor America's fallen service members."

Warren Williamson, executive producer of the program said the Veterans Memorial Building will be hosting their overnight stop.

"That is something that we do along this route is honor our fallen through six different states," he said. "In fact, we

are stopping to honor a total of 48 service members this year."



What Happens in Europe is a forecast of what may happen in the US....



The European Union Commission presented a draft EU driving license directive in March 2023. This gives an insight into the direction the EU would like to take but does not necessarily show the final picture. Especially since it resulted in an extremely large number of proposals for further changes, some of which are highly controversial.

The EU aims to reduce the number of traffic fatalities to zero by 2050, despite progress already made in road safety.

The following points are currently causing the most excitement, although it must be clearly stated here that it is currently still unclear whether these points will even make it into the driving license directive.

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Oil Spots, continued...

Expiration times and medical-psychological examinations:

The driver's license is generally to expire after ten years, for people over 60 every seven years, from 70 every five years and from 80 every two years. These proposals have triggered a wave of discussion and disagreement, especially among the EU's older citizens. This is because there are also calls for the introduction of compulsory medical-psychological examinations for older drivers, at a cost. Critics argue that this measure could be perceived as discriminatory and also represents a financial burden for those affected. Proponents, on the other hand, stress the need for such examinations to ensure road safety, especially in view of increasing life expectancy and the increase in older drivers on the roads.

Restriction and graduated driving licenses:

A restriction of Class B car licenses to vehicles with a maximum unladen weight of 1.8 tons is desired. Accordingly, Class B should be divided into two levels: Class B for lighter cars and Class B+ for heavier cars. The idea behind this is that novice drivers should first gain experience with lighter vehicles before being allowed to switch to heavier ones.

Speed limit and night driving bans for novice drivers:

Another concise point in the draft amendment to the EU driving license directives is the introduction of a 90 km/h speed limit and night driving bans for novice drivers. Accordingly, EU member states could impose a night driving ban for novice drivers between midnight and 6 am. The primary goal of this measure is to reduce the number of trips made under the influence of alcohol, which poses an increased risk, especially at night.

New probationary period regulation:

Another issue in the draft amendments relates to probationary period regulations. Under the new proposals, each newly acquired driver's license class would start with its own probationary period. Specifically, this means that if someone already holds a passenger car driver's license and later acquires a motorcycle license, a new probationary period would begin for them.

Possible changes for motorcycle and trike riders:

One significant proposal discussed in the new guidelines affects motorcycle and trike riders. Currently, Class A is required to ride all motorcycles and trikes, which can be obtained either through a graduated license or direct entry (minimum age 24). However,

under the proposed amendments, the direct entry option could be eliminated in the future. This would mean that the acquisition of class A would only be possible after two years of prior possession of class A2.

Major Harley-Davidson Softail recall

A brittle fastener on the rear shock absorber is forcing Harley-Davidson to initiate a large-scale safety recall for select 2018 through 2023 Softail models. 65,224 potentially affected machines and first documented incidents.

The source of the problem: a brittle fastener.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company contacted the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to initiate a safety recall for select 2018 through 2023 Softail models. The reason is a specific type of mounting element on the rear shock absorber. If this element fails, the shock absorber can come into contact with the rear tire, potentially causing a tire failure and increasing the likelihood of a crash.

Which models are affected?

According to the company's own data, approximately 65,224 Softail motorcycles could have this defect, which represents about one percent of total production. However, it's important to note that not every Softail manufactured between 2018 and 2023 is affected by this recall. Only those models that have the problematic shock absorber manufacturer installed will need to be taken to the repair shop.

Model details and time frame

The affected machines were manufactured between June 28, 2017 and August 7, 2023. The recall covers various Softail models and production years. However, the company did not specify specific VIN ranges in the recall notice.

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Oil Spots, continued...

Clues that could point to a problem

An initial alert could come from strange noises that appear to be coming from underneath the seat. In addition, the discovery of a loose shock adjuster after removing the seat could be an indicator. Other signs could be in the ride or unusual wear on the rear tire.

How did Harley-Davidson respond?

In June of this year, Harley-Davidson received the first service request in this matter. As of early August, a total of 33 cases have been documented where the rear shock has come into contact with the tire. Four of these cases resulted in a loss of pressure in the tire, but no cases involving injuries have been recorded to date.

Next steps and repair measures

For affected machines, the fastener on the shock absorber will be replaced free of charge at authorized Harley-Davidson shops. Those who have had appropriate work performed prior to the recall may be eligible for a refund under certain circumstances.

Communication channels and additional notices

Affected owners should be notified directly by Harley-Davidson between Sept. 8 and Sept. 15, 2023. Those with questions can contact the company's customer service department or NHTSA. In addition, a separate recall exists for specific shock adjusters that were sold as accessories.

Overview of affected models and production years

To help keep track, here is the list of models and production years included in the recall:

- 2018: FLDE (2018 units), FLHC (2917 units), FLHCS (3504 units), FLHCS ANV (898 units).
- 2019: FLDE (1858 pieces), FLHC (2078 pieces), FLHCS (3384 pieces)
- 2020: FLHC (1896 pieces), FLHCS (3713 pieces), FXLRS (7073 pieces)
- 2021: FLHC (1865 pieces), FLHCS (3134 pieces), FXLRS (5811 pieces)
- 2022: FLHCS (3957 pieces), FXLRS (5186 pieces), FXLRST (3990 pieces), FXRST (738 pieces)
- 2023: FLHCS (3033 units), FLHCS ANV (717 units), FXLRS (3340 units), FXLRST (4114 units)

The motorcycles that fall within this list were produced between June 28, 2017 and August 7, 2023. So far, no specific VIN ranges have been named for the recall.



V.P.'s Vision

In 1999 my son in law's father Wayne and his wife Harlene wanted the Sturgis experience. (They are both long deceased). Harlene gave him a Harley-Davidson for his 50th birthday. Wayne always enjoyed and trusted me And followed me on our group rides. So, he joined Top Cats as did Harlene. But he liked to go fast so he traded for a Gold Wing.

Wayne worked a unique shift for his father-in-law. Midnight to morning. Loading products for his company, Victory *Spuds*. He usually got home a little before noon and would sleep until early evening. This particular morning, he was so excited about going to Sturgis he could not sleep. Harlene was going to fly to Sturgis.

We started out in the early on Friday heading for our first stop in Mankato Minnesota. I was the tail gunner. Wayne was starting to wonder from one track to another. Rob Mann was our Road Captain and we both had CB's as stock on our motorcycles so I got on the radio and suggested a riding break/stop. We found a nice restaurant and stopped. We ate dinner and started out again. Now Wayne's riding was riding steady.

We made it to our hotel in Mankato and joined the rest of the Top Cats group. Disaster avoided. The next day we were on to the Badlands and Wall Drug for our ice water.

The rest of the week I guided Wayne (we picked up Harlene at the Rapid City airport) through all the major attractions. See Sturgis 97, 98, for more details. Wednesday was a break day so we could do other activities. The rest of the week we continued to visit the remaining sites. On Saturday and Sunday, we continued with our trip home without any incidents.

It was fun, enjoyable and rewarding showing folks around Sturgis. You owe it to yourself to join a group to Sturgis at least once and if you do enjoy the trip... try it several times. And then take others and show them around!

See Bard for details and timing.

Your VP, Ric Case



General Membership Meeting Minutes September 5th, 2023

Respectfully Submitted
by: Mary Kirkpatrick

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

7:00 pm, Meeting called to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

- 9/9 - Andy Haszlakiewicz B-Day
- 9/11 - Mary Kirkpatrick B-Day
- 9/12 - George Rabb
- Wayne & Mary 4th anniversary
- Guests – None tonight!

V.P. : Ric Case Club History

- ✦ Ric reviewed his story of 1998's ride to Sturgis! It is a good story! See the September edition of ROAR for all of the details!

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ✦ Sue Kahles and Virgo's wife, Josie Bender, both part of the early years of Top Cats

Safety: Mike Bradbury

- ✦ Kaution Korner Safety Tip: Greg gave a caution to be aware of the things that become challenging when riding in the fall!
- ✦ Kaution Korner – Gene discussed the importance of riding safe! He emphasized the importance of attending GRASS Class – Group Riding and Safety Seminar! He stated that the more often you attend, the better it is for EVERYONE! Go to the September ROAR to read "The most important KK you will ever read"!

Membership: Ted Makarewicz (absent)

- ✦ Gene reported that Ted reported that we have members! And one inquiry from the website.

Activities: Rick A / Greg

Recent activities

- ✦ 7/30 Sturgis - Bard reported on the
- ✦ Next year's Sturgis Ride will begin on Sunday, July 28th – Tuesday August 6th.
- ✦ Next Year's FRR will begin on August 6 – August 12th.
- ✦ 7/30 - Grumpy Troll – Mike reported that the group as able to sit together and enjoyed each other's company!
- ✦ 8/5 - Blackhawk Farms (AHRMA)- Gene tried to get the ride together, but there were only 2 people

who turned out. The group decided to go to Mars for lunch instead. The ride will try to be rescheduled!

- ✦ 8/8 FRR - Wayne reported that the FRR went well. We started with 8 and ended with 8... the true test of a good ride. Everyone rode well and enjoyed the trip!

Future activities

- ✦ September AND October are wide open for rides.

Let's fix that ASAP!!

- ✦ Gene is going to plan on a Ride for Screams on October 14th.
- ✦ Mike mentioned an air Show that is going to be in Waukegan this coming weekend... 9th and 10th.

Charity: Rich/Mary

Nothing to report at this time.

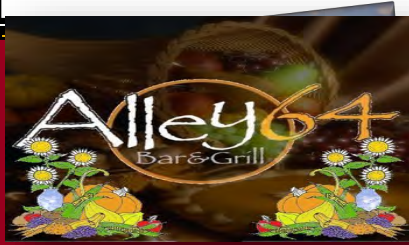
Products: Get your gear now!! Ted was absent!

50/50 Raffle. Andy Hazlakiewicz was absent! It was decided that we will wait for the next meeting to pull for the Gun Safe and the Gun Club Membership.

Meeting Adjourned by Gene Rigsby at 7:35.



"YES, WE DO TAKE TRADE-INS, BUT ONLY ON OTHER MOTORCYCLES. SO YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOUR HUSBAND HOME."



Board Meeting Minutes September 5th, 2023

Respectfully Submitted
by: Mary Kirkpatrick

President's Section: Gene Rigsby
Meeting called to order 7:00 pm
Immediate needs? **None**

**Past President
Wayne**

2024 Elections (positions up for election, planning)

Open positions

- VP, Sec, Tres, Dir (Safety), Dir (Charity)
- Wayne will manage the election with help from Greg and Don. A blast will be sent out shortly with all details. Wayne to check with the incumbents to see if they will stay on the ballot

VP: Ric Case (Abs)

Treasurer: Don DeLordo

Report/review:

- ✦ Don reviewed the current balances for the charity and main accounts
- ✦ Don asked about moving funds from the charity account to our main account to cover operating costs as other clubs he has been in have done. I requested a quick summary of our dues amount (for 2024) and our estimated operating budget to validate there is need. I also mentioned that we use part of our main account funds for non-operating payments (awards, etc...). This may be an issue if we transfer charity funds. We tabled this discussion for now. I will contact the board via email to continue this discussion.
- ✦ 2024 Dues / Invoices
- ✦ Don will be sending out invoices via email shortly so folks can pay at the October meeting.

Activities: Greg Smith

Review past / future Events:

Calendar review - Jun/Jul/Aug, etc..

- ✦ 7/30 Sturgis/ 8/8 FRR updates as need - Wayne/Bard
- ✦ Wayne reviewed the 2023 Ride
- ✦ Wayne spoke about the future of this ride and options to build up attendance from the club
- ✦ 10/14: Ride for Screams (Haunted Ride & Picnic) – Rigsby. Blast to come
- ✦ 1/27/24 Banquet location review - Mike/Gene Don (and Greg) suggested the option to provide a

limited plated meal menu. The diners can select which meal they want at the event. I said that I do not want to collect meal choices for each or take a poll, etc... I will follow up with Emmett's

✦ **Sturgis 2024 is in the works.**

Safety/RC : Mike Bradbury

October GRASS (10/22). The following topics were covered:

- Attendee RSVP
- Location
- Trainers
- Refreshments
- Mike is addressing and will reach out for support as needed

✦ Safety topics: **None**

Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz (Abs)

- ✦ New member applications for review?
- ✦ Contact from the website. Ted is following up
- ✦ Product needs?
- ✦ Mike has the Land's End site ready to be tested, which I will do. If all is good, we will go live ASAP.

Charity: Rich Lanute (Abs)

2024 preparations

- ✦ Mary to meet with Laura to discuss ideas for 2024

Secretary: Mary Kirkpatrick (Abs)

**Meeting
Adjourned:
8:00 pm by
Gene Rigsby**





Top Cat's Elections!
By: Traveler

Remember, we will hold our annual elections at our 5 December 2025 general meeting.

To be eligible to vote, you must be a Member in Good Standing. That requires that you meet the following requirements by November

30th of each calendar year. (pro-rated the first less than 12 month period following probationary status)

- ▶ Attend a minimum of 5, official Top Cats events per year (meetings and, or, events).
- ▶ Attend the Group Riding and Safety Seminar within your first year then once every three years of membership.
- ▶ All dues or any other financial obligations have been met.

Come to our 6 December meeting prepared to vote and congratulate our new Board for 2024.





Ride Safe and Vote, Vote, Vote!

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

For the 2024 - 2025 term, consistent with our By Laws, we have the following five position vacancies and current qualified incumbents or nominees:

I. Vice President (2024-2025):

Requirements for Vice President

1. Be a Full Member in good standing for 3 consecutive years prior to the date of the election.
2. Have served as a committee chairperson for one year or have served a minimum of one year in any Board position.
3. Have no history of disciplinary action.

II. Secretary (2024-2025):

Requirements for Secretary

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

III. Treasurer (2024-2025):

Requirements for Treasurer

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

IV. Two Directors (2024 - 2025):

Requirements for Director

1. Be a Full member in good standing for 12 months prior to the date of election.
2. Have served as a committee member for one year or have served a minimum of one year in any Board position.
3. Have no history of disciplinary action.

Nominations for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors will be accepted up to 1 November via email to wkirkpal77@aol.com, or in person. When you find yourself faced with a nomination decision, simply look at your choices and determine who has the best interest of the Club at heart, who has a proven record of dedication to the Club, who has the experience for that particular position and, if all else is a tie, ask yourself who you see at every ride, every meeting, every committee activity, every Club event, and every charity ride. That should help you decide.

Nominees will be vetted for eligibility and the slate will be reviewed and approved by our Board in November. Voting will take place at our 5 December general meeting and our new Board will take office on 1 January 2024. Our ballot - voting procedures will be explained in the November and December issues of ROAR.

Remember, to be eligible to vote, you must be a Member in Good Standing. That requires you to meet the following requirements by November 30th of each calendar year. (New members will become eligible to vote following their 12 month probationary status.)

- ▶ Attend a minimum of 5, official Top Cats events per year.
- ▶ Attend the Group Riding and Safety Seminar within your first year then once every three years of membership.
- ▶ All dues or any other financial obligations have been met.
- ▶ Have no history of disciplinary action.



G.R.A.S.S. CLASS FOR 2023

We have 3 dates for the G.R.A.S.S. Class this year! See the chart below and add these to YOUR calendar!

Come and learn how we ride as a group! All riders, co-riders, non-riders are welcome and all motorcyclists from our great Motorcycling Community are welcome!

If we can train other riders to ride more safely, we all benefit!

Reach out to your motorcycle friends and everyone else in the motorcycle community and invite them to come too! Watch for BLASTS for each date!



October Birthdays and Anniversaries!

- 1 Juergen Lutz
- 2 Tom Malia
- 11 Bozenna Haslakiewicz
- 22 Rick Agrimonti
- 22 Ric Case
- 22 Victoria Well
- 30 Gene Rigby

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities for October!

Let us know your special dates so that we can celebrate with you!



- 18 Andy and Bozenna Haszlakiewicz
- 25 Ric and Jacqui Case

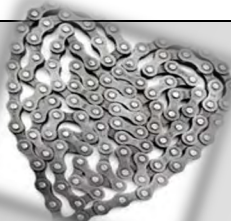
LOCATION	DATE
Keller Williams 600 Hart Rd. #105 Barrington, IL 60010	Sunday, October 22, 2023

Last Chance for attending a GRASS Class in 2023!
Keep your Motorcycle Senses highly tuned... just like your bike!

Top Cats Buy, Sell, Trade....
The best way to ensure good quality at fair prices!

GREAT DEALS!

Put your items here and get the word out that you have stuff to sell!





TOP CATS BUSINESS MART

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Riders here...*

And Be Thankful!



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PALATINE, IL

Home to Alley 64,
Top Cat's Monthly Meeting Spot!

Membership Has Its Privileges!

GRASS Classes are held at the Keller -Williams Offices!

All suppliers and vendors who support the Top Cats by providing support to Top Cats members will be listed in ROAR.

Thanks, Greg for supporting our Top Cat's Safety Class!

Sign-up your favorite merchant today!



Greg Smith

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Can we find ways to continue to help them?





RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, October 3rd	General Meting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 PM	Rigsby
Tuesday, October 10th	Board Meting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 PM	Rigsby
Saturday, October 14th	Ride for Screams!	A Variety of Gooly Stops...	Rigsby Home for a campfire	TBD	Rigsby
Sunday, October 22nd	GRASS	Palatine	Keller-Williams	8AM	Bradbury
Do	You	Have	A	Ride	Idea?
Get	It	On	The	Calendar	Now!

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



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FREE ADVERTISING in ROAR for TOP CATS Business Owners

Attention all Top Cats business owners!

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

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

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



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