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What Beauty! What an Honor!**



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Upcoming Events

JULY

- 13-14 I WOULD RIDE 500 MILES
- 29 LEAVE FOR STURGIS!

AUGUST

- 3 GENERAL MEETING
- 5 FRONT RANGE RIDE
- 10 BOARD MEETING
- 16-18 TREMPPEALEAU

Talk to Greg Smith and (Could be you!) and get your ideas on the calendar!





PRESIDENT'S POINT

And Now a Word from your President...



Hello, Top Cats!

It's me again...

I hope you and your families are all well and enjoying the rather warm spring. We usually don't get weather like this until mid-July. That said, it can always be worse. BTW, do you know the motorcycle riding wind chill factors? Check them out and cool off on a ride today.

FYI... The July general meeting has been canceled.

I ranted last month about pitching in. Well that seemed to work (maybe I am giving myself too much credit...) but many did help. There was a good club turn out to the Ride, Rock and Rumble to help plan, set up, sell tickets, register riders, teardown, lead the ride and even attended. Much thanks to all of you that made time to be an integral part of YOUR club! This is why we are Top Cats!

We still need help in other areas to support the club. If you haven't yet. Ask how you can help. I'm sure you will feel good doing so.

Speaking of an immediate need, we are losing our Activities blast and calendar guru, Mr. Rick Agromonti. Rick and his wife Yoli are moving away... ☐ This creates a golden opportunity for someone to pitch in. If you are interested in getting that good feeling of being part of the team, contact Greg Smith or anyone on the board.

Best wishes to you and your family, Rick!! Don't be a stranger.

FYI... Our club calendar has been a bit wonky so you may not see all or updated details on the main calendar page. To be sure you see everything, click on the "View Fill Calendar" box. The full calendar will open so you can see all the up to date details. We are working with our website team to correct this.

Activities from June...

June 8) Lunch at Johnny Pancakes: We had to make a change to this ride because of the weather which was forecasted to have storms from here to Rockford. We opted to go to Lindy's Landing in Wauconda, which was good. And the rain was nice enough to wait until we were heading home.

June 9) Ride, Rock, Rumble 2024: **Many THANKS** all that participated in OUR event. If you missed out, it's not too late. You can still make a donation. Contact Mary for details or ask at the next meeting which will be in **August!**

June 24) Adler '24 with Rolling Thunder: Riding in Germany... Bavaria... To the Alps... Are you kidding me?! No HOG chapter doing this... We will celebrate together very soon. **Prost!**

Activities for July...

July 13-14) I would ride 500 miles: We are heading out west this year. Omaha is our destination. Motorcycle Mike will be leading the way and has some interesting things to experience along the way and when we get there. There is still time to get in. Let Mike know.

**** Best wishes and get well soon to Andy Hay who was to go with on the ride but was recently injured in a freak Llama accident.

July 29-Aug 6) Sturgis: Bard, Wayne and the group are ready to go. If you missed the opportunity to go this year, talk to Bard about getting on the list for next year.

July Aug 6 - 12) Front Range Ride: Contact Wayne if you are interested in doing all or even part of this adventure ride.

*****See the club's calendar for more details about these and other events...**

So as usual, watch for blasts and check the Top Cats event calendar regularly and by all means **SAVE THE DATES** first.

Make sure to send any activity or ride ideas to Greg Smith so they can get it on the calendar and get the word out to the club.

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



Loading up for a Long Trip!

By: Bard Boand,

We aren't going to talk about what to bring (that's another article) but HOW to load what you do bring.

To start, find out the gross vehicle weight rating. Subtract out the wet weight (both can be found in your owners manual or google your bike)

What you are left with is the amount of weight you can plan on adding for your trip. Start by taking out the weight of the rider or riders... and now you have exactly what you can pack!

Low, center, tight and secure is the key to carrying a months' worth of stuff for your weekend get-a-way.

Loading a motorcycle properly is very similar to getting the weight and balance factor correct on a cargo aircraft, or even a small plane. The CG, or center of gravity is critical for proper and safe flight, and on a motorcycle needs to be as close to the middle of the bike as possible, and as low on the bike as possible.



Heavy tools should be in the front of the saddle bags, and on the bottom, NOT up in your tour pack on top of your rain gear. All heavy items in the lower bags, light items in the tour pack. Items you may need to access in a hurry, like rain gear, should be on top in the bags or the tour pack.

What you are trying to accomplish is the elimination of a "polar moment" caused by having excess weight hanging off the rear of the bike, which would aggravate handling and may cause the rear of the bike to come swinging around towards the front in a panic stop or in the wet.

If you are traveling solo, favor using the rear seat area for storage of heavier luggage vs. the tour pack.



Tie downs:

ROK Straps vs. Bungee straps....<http://www.rokstraps.com/index.html>

..I guarantee once you've used a ROK strap you will never use a bungee

again. Safer, tighter, adjustable, the only way to secure a load securely. Once you are set and on the road, continue to check these straps. Adjust if needed.

Oh, did I say, don't bring so much? The tendency is to over pack. Do you really



need 6 tee shirts knowing your going to buy 3 or 4 tee's while at Sturgis? Also, consider the use of the post office, UPS or FedEx to ship extra stuff home the day before you leave. All three have a variety of boxes you can choose from.



Another tip is to use plastic garbage bags to wrap or cover stuff you want to stay dry. Even HD hard bags and tour packs sometimes leak.

Finally, pay close attention to recommended tire pressure and shock absorber settings and air pressure as outlined in your owner's manual for heavier loads. Recommended settings and pressures are much different for a fully loaded-up bike. (Continued on page 4)



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Now that you have your strategies set, pack up early and BEFORE departure, pre-load your bike and go for a 10 mile ride and cross a few RR tracks and hit some bumps. Then back in your garage see what came loose and shifted... hopefully your pre-planning keeps things in place. No one, not even Gomer Pyle, likes to hear 'surprise, surprise, surprise' at this place and time!

That's it! You now have the basics for HOW to pack!

Ready, Set, Go! And...Have a nice trip!

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Oil Spots

By Traveler



Oil Change Tips

It's simple, it's cheaper than a dealer but, it can be messy...changing your own oil.

The draining and refilling of engine oil is an important task. Like any other task in the motorcycle

world, there are some pieces of institutional knowledge that comprise the key *dos and don'ts* for a smooth oil change.

Don't go crazy with warm-up

Modern oils are good at suspending particles and contaminants, but there is still some junk that sinks down to the bottom of the pan. It needs to be stirred up to ensure it escapes when you pull the drain plug. Starting the engine and letting it idle for a minute or two is perfect for that final circulation. Run it any longer and it does nothing more than burn you. Before you pull that drain plug, give the engine a minute after shutting down, allowing the oil to drain to the pan from the nooks and crannies in the engine.



Wear disposable gloves

Nitrile gloves keep you from soaking up solvents and oils into your skin. 7mil thick are durable and affordable.

Be aware that all of the hydrocarbons that get absorbed through the skin are processed in our gut where they can't be broken down. They end up accumulating in our body, which can cause health complications after years and years of chemical exposure. Preventing those issues is as easy as putting on a pair of nitrile gloves.

The drain plug and filter trick

Pulling on a drain plug only ensures that you get oil on your hand and all over. The trick is pressure, not pulling. As you unthread the plug by hand, push in—against the plug as it comes out—so the threads act as a seal with the outer edge. With a little practice you can get the pressure right and can spin the plug a full turn to feel for the "click." That click means the plug overlapped the last thread. With a swift motion away from the direction of oil flow, remove that now-loose plug. This can make warm, thin viscosity oil changes much cleaner and sometimes spotless.



Filters, are another issue. If they were tightened too much when installed, you will very likely need a filter tool to remove them. Be sure to have your oil drain pan underneath your filter when you remove it. It will be full of oil and spill all over if you aren't careful. That's particularly true with Harleys.



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Oil Spots, , Continued...

Don't over tighten the drain plug or filter



Neither the filter nor plug require any real torque when installed properly. Use a small amount of oil to lube the filter's rubber seal, then spin it into place. After the gas-

ket seats on the housing, turn it only about three-quarter of an additional turn. Any tighter than what the filter manufacturers call for and you run the risk of deforming that rubber seal, which could cause oil to leak past the seal.

Just use a funnel

The oil fill hole on most motorcycle engines is in that perfect spot where it looks like you could pour directly into it.

That seldom happens. They seem to be ideally

located, but cleaning up when you miss is a major pain. A funnel helps to reduce any clean up after filling.



Don't overfill

Too much oil is just as bad as not enough. The oil level in a wet-sump motorcycle engine is carefully calculated to keep the rotating assembly from whipping



through the oil. That action causes foaming, and oil foam pushed through the oiling system can be the same as not having enough oil at all. Check your owners manual for the proper fill level. When done, warm up your motorcycle then look at the dipstick as a double check.

Recycle your used oil

There is no excuse not to recycle used oil. Just about any auto parts store or motorcycle shop, takes it. Be sure to capture used oil in a non-contaminated pan so that the oil can actually be



poured back into the original containers for recycling. Don't worry about how dusty or dirty the pan is, but other fluids can

Reset the computer (or write down your service date)

Modern motorcycles have a service monitoring system. Most reset procedures are contained

in your service manual or a quick search to an online make/model specific forum will have the instructions. If your motorcycle has no computer, write down the oil change date in a log book.



Oil changes can be simple for newbies and experienced riders alike. Following these tips will not only keep your vehicle well maintained but, also make the experience much cleaner and easier each time.

Buell Goes Global



Buell Motorcycles, known for high-performance, are expanding into global markets. Japan, France, Spain, Brazil, Canada and Italy have been havens for Buell American Motorcycle's fans for decades. Buell announced plans to regrow global distribution into these markets during the next few years.

Following the launch of Buell's Hammerhead 1190 Superbike and announcement of the Super Cruiser prototypes, riders have been asking when Buell products will be available in their home countries. Buell announced that with the support of the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Michigan Economic Development Corp., Buell has an internal team to meet its consumers' needs.

Buell's desire to expand beyond American borders marks a significant milestone for the company. As part of its global expansion, Buell will establish a presence in key countries, offering riders access to its diverse range of high-performance American motorcycles.

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Oil Spots, continued...

Buell's first global expansion will be into Canada during Summer 2024. Timelines for the U.K., European Union and other markets are being planned.

Interested international buyers can place a refundable \$25 preorder at Buell's website to show their interest, receive regular updates and be connected to the earliest international export units available.

One Sweet Sport-Touring BMW K1



Produced: 1989-1993

Production: 6,921

Claimed power: 95hp @ 8,000rpm

Top speed: 143mph (period test)

Engine type: 987cc DOHC, liquid-cooled inline four

Transmission: 5-speed/shaft final drive

Weight: 618lb (wet)

Price then: \$12,990 (1990)

Price now: \$4,500-\$8,500

MPG: 45-55

When BMW introduced the radical sport-touring 4-cylinder [BMW K1](#) in 1988, the Bavarian firm was already under attack from BMW traditionalists who felt the company was suffering an identity crisis, turning away from a time-honored line of horizontally opposed, air-cooled touring twins in favor of increasingly, un-BMW-like machines.

The break with tradition started in 1982, when BMW announced the inline 4-cylinder BMW K100.

Why BMW made this break is easy to understand. As the 1970s drew to a close, 4-cylinder motorcycles were becoming the order of the day. BMW, which had coaxed as much performance as it could from its air-cooled twins, knew it needed a clean-burning, modern platform; the K100 was its path to the future.

Although changes to the K100 over the next few years

were few, BMW knew it needed to update the K100 to wring more power out of the bike, which at a claimed 90hp was starting to lag behind the competition's liter bikes.

The BMW K1 was in fact a very different animal. While the general layout was the same (liquid-cooled inline four, disc brakes front and rear, fuel injection) the K1 received a new 4-valve cylinder head good for another 10 horsepower and 10 foot-pounds of torque (74ft/lb versus the K100's 64ft/lb). It also got an improved version of the K100's Bosch fuel injection, which supposedly accounted for much of the engine's improved performance.

BMW could have made the engine more powerful yet, but continued its voluntary adherence to a 100 horsepower maximum for motorcycles in Germany. By the time the K1 was U.S. emissions compliant it was down to 95 horsepower.

U.S. K1s also received the K100's optional ABS system, first offered in 1988, standard. The K1 also received BMW's new Paralever system, announced for the R80GS and R100GS the year before. Using a double-jointed driveshaft/swingarm with the rear hub linked by the shock at the top and the Paralever at the bottom, the system canceled out the rise and fall from acceleration and deceleration familiar to shaft-driven bikes.

Two-Up Tips

Much of the fun of motorcycling is sharing the experience with others, particularly with non-riding



passengers who are experiencing the exhilaration of motorcycling for the first time. Whether it's a trip around the block or a journey cross-country, it's important for a rider to properly prepare their passenger, their motorcycle and themselves before departure. The following are the three most essential areas to plan for when riding two-up whether on a day ride or a multi-day ride or even if you must pick up another rider who broke down.

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Oil Spots, continued...

Passenger

To make the experience enjoyable and safe, every passenger must:

- Wear protective gear.
- Understand how to lean with the motorcycle on turns.
- Be tall enough to reach the passenger pegs.
- Hold on to the rider's waist seat strap, or hand-holds.
- Avoid sudden movements.
- Keep hands and feet clear of moving and hot components.
- Avoid banging helmets with the rider when stopping.
- Stay relaxed and move with the bike's movements.

Motorcycle

Because the bike will be carrying more weight with a passenger, weight distribution, center of gravity, suspension, performance and handling characteristics will be affected. The rider should ensure that:

- The rear suspension preload is adjusted for the additional weight.
- Tire pressure is set for additional weight.
- The gross vehicle weight limitations are not exceeded.
- And, of course, the motorcycle should be designed to accommodate a passenger.

Rider

The rider must modify his or her riding technique when riding with the extra weight of a passenger, because:

- Stopping distances will increase.
- Handling will not be as responsive as riding solo.
- Passing distances will increase.
- Cornering clearances will decrease.
- Pressure on the tire's contact patch will increase.
- Additional weight over the rear tire will increase the effectiveness of the rear brake.
- Gusty crosswinds will have more surface area to affect.
- Throttle and clutch response will be altered.
- It is important to make sure that the passenger is comfortable with the riding pace and that their enjoyment matches yours.

Riders should have a few years of riding experience before riding two up. They also must ensure compliance with legal requirements for passengers in the states they will be touring in, such as minimum age and necessary safety gear. Safety gear for the rider is

typically what is required for a passenger

Seeing the country two-up on a motorcycle can be a great experience, but riders must make sure that all safety precautions are followed to provide safe and enjoyable riding.

Riding two up is just like dancing....if both people don't enjoy it, your chances of doing it again together greatly diminish.

IL State Legislature Bills



H4866 - This bill gives motorcyclists access to all available specialty plates from the Secretary of State's Office. Currently, motorcyclists only have access to around 50% of specialty plates. As of June 2024, this bill is on its way to the governor's desk.

HB4848 - Strengthens trash haulers' requirements to cover their loads on interstates. This is one of the very few times bikers and environmentalists are in agreement. It passed both Houses back on May 15th.





May we always be mindful of the great land we enjoy... and do our best every day!



Memorial Ride So many to remember... September 7, 2024

V.P.'s Vision



The pictures above are of the Top Cats founder, Carl 'Virgo' Bender on the left, and on the right, Ric Case, who held many positions in his years with Top Cats. The final position was as V.P. Both of these men were committed to making Top Cats a true influence in the Motorcycle community...

Virgo had a vision of bringing people together to ride and help each other develop their businesses and careers. Ric's Vision included Safety for all who rode with us as well as making sure that we kept an eye out for others... Charity. These two men embody the Spirit of Top Cats.

On September 7th, We will be riding to honor Ric Case alongside the Chicago Hog Chapter (Formerly City Limits). These were two of Ric's favorite riding groups! We will ride in his memory and the memory of all the others that gave themselves to building the Top Cats we know... and the Hog Chapter too. Watch for details and be ready with a story or stories of those you remember! See you there!





Wildlife!

By: Traveler

Not this kind but, the kind with fur, skin, feathers, fangs, sharp teeth, claws and big beaks.



What should we do when we encounter an imminent animal collision? Hang on and pray? That might help but, add some evasive action to supplement that prayer.

Some tips:

Deer



Watch for warning signs then search far ahead and along the roadside. Slow down at dusk / dawn. Avoid roads w/close foliage. If you can't stop in time or swerve to miss it, aim for it. It will be gone by the time you get there.

Flashing your headlights and revving your engine are foreign sounds to deer and will cause them to run.

Dogs

Slow down then accelerate. Dogs take an angle of attack.

When you adjust speed, it throws off their path of attack. Sounding the horn might help also.



Birds

Watch their flight path and try to adjust your speed or swerve to avoid or minimize a collision. If you can't avoid hitting it, hold on tight and keep your head, hopefully with helmet, down.



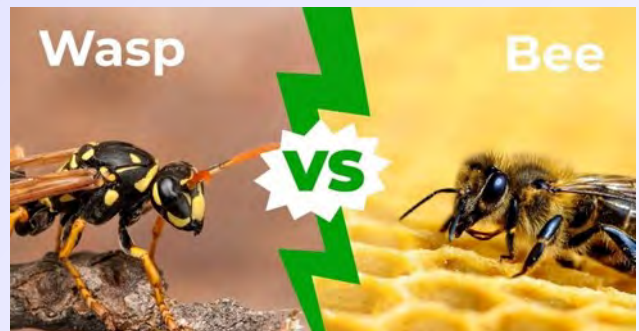
Bees

Most bees sting only once. Maintain your concentration and control, then slow down, pull over and treat the sting. Be cautious around sunflower field sand fields with flowers where bees will congregate.



Wasps/Hornets

Wasps and hornets sting more than once and can be aggressive. Maintain control, keep going to get away from the swarm. Once you out run them, locate the wasp and smash it's little head!



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**Oil Spots, continued...**

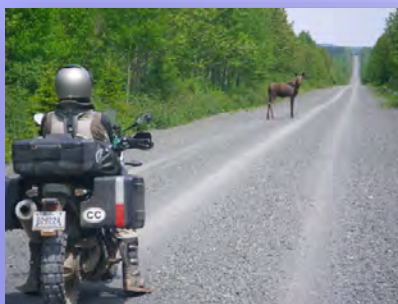
They will **not** move if feeding on roadkill. Slow down and easily ride by them. Be prepared to stop as they may take off unexpectedly. Avoid startling them.

Snakes

are coiled, beware and give them a wide berth. Avoid running over them. It may toss the snake, now mad, onto your bike.

Elk/Moose

Elk and Moose are fearless and aggressive in the Fall and protective of their calves in spring. Scan far ahead if you are in a Elk/Moose area. Stop far enough away from them to allow them to move out of the way and try to be quiet. If any wild animal reacts to your presence, you are too close.

**Horses/Mules**

Be very cautious in Amish areas where horse drawn implements and buggies are abundant. Pass them safely and quietly. Do not startle the

**Turkeys**

Caution. They can be aggressive, and they can be anywhere. If you encounter turkeys in a flock, try to avoid them. If they come at you, outrun them, rev your engine and accelerate.

Turkey Vultures

animals with fast movements and loud noise. Give them as much space as you safely can.

Cows

Best to give any animal that outweighs you the right of way. Noise may scatter the herd however, the bulls may take that as a threat and charge. Yield and wait.

**Turtles**

Hitting a turtle is like hitting a rock. Staying alert and scanning far ahead will help to avoid them. If they are right in your immediate path, swerve around them. It's a good idea to develop your abil-

ity to swerve before you really need to do it.

Buffalo

They're most aggressive during their mating season in late July and August. Keep your distance. Stay at least 25 yards away. Snorting, hoof stomping, ears laid back is their warning sign to stay away.



If you happen to round a corner and find yourself in close proximity to a buffalo, try to back away slowly and quietly to show you're not a threat and hope your appearance didn't startle it.

**Bears**

Watch far ahead for bears. Normally, bears will run from a motorcycle, and they are intimidated by the loud sound, make noise. However, nothing intimidates a mama bear with cubs. If you encounter a bear with cubs stay calm and be quiet so you don't pose a threat.

Bottom line: If it outweighs you, has more lug nuts than you, has fangs or claws....avoid it or yield to it!!!



Blue Skies... Sunshine... and Reasons to Ride!

Information from our Website: TopCats.Org



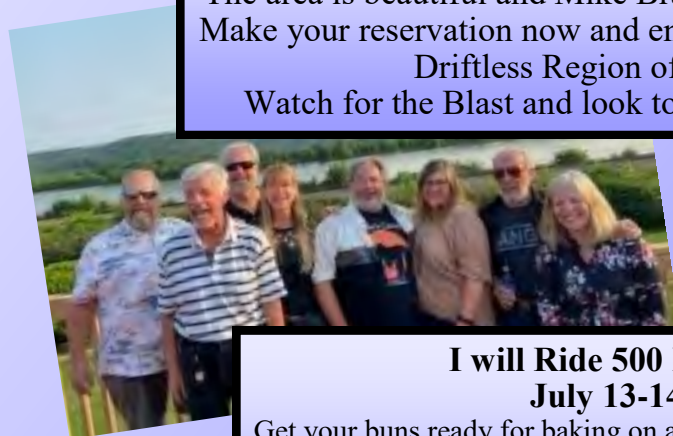
Ride, Rock and Rumble! June 9th, 2024

Great weather, great people, food and music made for a good day for all in attendance! Please consider a donation to support NISRA!
And plan on joining us in 2025!



Trempealeau Trip August 23-25

The area is beautiful and Mike Bradbury finds the best roads! Make your reservation now and enjoy a few days riding in the Driftless Region of Wisconsin!
Watch for the Blast and look to the calendar for details!



I will Ride 500 Miles! July 13-14

Get your buns ready for baking on a 500 mile run... just because!

This year the destination will be Omaha Nebraska
Check the calendar for details and
R.S.V.P. To Michael Bradbury at bradbundy@comcast.net.





General Membership Meeting Minutes June 4th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted
by: Jane Smith

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Guests – None

Announcements

- Birthdays:
- Joey Rizzo – June 10
- Mike and Kathie Bradbury's Anniversary – June 10
- Bard Boand – June 25
- There will be no General Meeting in July.
- We need more rides/events on the calendar!
- We need more people to pitch in and help – always the same people doing everything.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Open Topics – Nothing

Safety: Mike Bradbury (Absent)

Accident/Safety Review

- Wayne gave a recap of his June Kaution Korner article – blind spots of vehicles. Have to be cautious of blind spots of all vehicles – just because you can see them, don't assume they can see you. Check out the ROAR for the complete article with diagrams.
- Bard will be doing the Kaution Korner for July's ROAR about packing the bike for trips (Sturgis).

Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- He received 3 names of interested people but has had no response from them.
- We all need to look for potential members when we attend local events like car shows. Strike up a conversation and pass out our Top Cats cards with the QR code or send them to our website.

Activities: Greg Smith/Rick Agrimonti

Recent Activities:

- May 18 – Progressive Picnic Ride (Gene). Gene picked up everyone at their homes and headed to the Rigsby's for a picnic lunch and social time. No campfire this time as it was a beautiful day.
- May 25 – Pre-ride for Road Captains for the upcoming Charity Ride. Had 6 bikes; route is good, and we are ready for the Ride.

Future Activities:

- June 8 – Ride to Johnny Pancakes in Rockford (Gene). Gene indicated that they are no longer in Kegels, but in Belvedere. When he did the pre-ride it was rather crowded, and we might have a hard time getting in. The lunch stop may be moved to Famous

Dave's instead. Meet at 10:00, KSU at 10:30.

- June 9 – Ride, Rock, Rumble '24. Please support our Charity Ride.
- June 23 – Adler '24 ride in Germany. Gene has talked with Juergen in Germany, and he has everything all set. Says there has been lots of rain in Bavaria!
- July 13-14 – I Would Ride 500 Miles (Mike). This is a 500-mile ride to Omaha and 500 miles back home (2 days). RSVP Mike Bradbury if interested in going.
- July 29-August 6 - Sturgis Adventure (Bard)– Sad not a better turnout for this – only 8 people/6 bikes going. This may affect our allocation of rooms for next year.
- August 3 – AHRMA Races at Blackhawk Farms (Gene). More details will follow soon.
- August 6-12 - Front Range Ride (Wayne) – Finalizing plans.

Watch the calendar for more rides being added.

Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- Everything is ready to go. Help is needed to pick up coffee/donuts; set up registration table and raffle at Woodstock HD or help out with set up of tent and chairs and Bike Show at Volo. There will be bagels, donuts, and coffee for riders. Wristbands will be given out for lunch at Volo and will be used for half price admission to the museum. D. J. Bobby Styles will be providing music. He has been posting the event on his website also.

Products: Ted Makarewicz – Nothing new.

50/50 Raffle: Andy Haszlakiewicz - No raffle tonight.

Meeting adjourned by Gene at 7:31p.m.

Watch for more stories and pictures of the rides through the German Countryside with our tour guides, Jurgen Lutz, Oliver Lutz and Frank Kuehne! What a great adventure! August's ROAR will have all of the details!





Board Meeting Minutes June 11th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted
by: Jane Smith

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. via Zoom. All Board members were present except for Ted.
- The website calendar is not updating information.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Open Discussion

- Good response for the Chairty Ride. Success is not always measured by dollar amount.
- While at the Charity Ride, Woodstock HD employees were able to show the new controls on the new bikes to some of the people going on Germany trip who will be renting these new models.
- Nick Bender sent a note to Wayne indicating what a great event the Chairty Ride was. Since Nick, who currently is a lifetime member, is active with Top Cats activities, it has been suggested that he be included in the active membership roster.

Treasurer: Don DeLordo

Report/Review

- The Treasurer's reports for the main and charity accounts were reviewed.
- Sixteen out of 32 members participated in the Charity Ride. Registration brought in \$840.00. The 50/50 raffle brought in \$250.00 which was split between TC and the winner, Bozena Haszlakiewicz.

Activities: Greg Smith

Review Past/Future Events:

- June 8 – Lunch at Lindy's Landing in Wauconda (Rigsby). Ended up taking cars because of pending rain. Only 4 participants.
- June 9 – Ride, Rock, & Rumble '24 (Mary K.) Everything went off without a hitch. Thanks for all the hard work from everyone who helped out and especially Mary for organizing it all.
- June 24 – Riding in Germany (Kirkpatrick & Rigsby). Everything is all set.
- July 13-14 – I Would Ride 500 Miles Ride (Bradbury). Lodging is all set.
- July 29-Aug 6 – Sturgis Adventure (Kirkpatrick). Pretty much all set.
- Aug 3 – AHRMA Races at Blackhawk Farms (Rigsby). Details to follow.
- Aug 6-12 – Front Range Ride (Kirkpatrick). Everything is all set.
- Aug 16-18 – Trempealeau Ride (Bradbury). Looking into doing this annual ride in August. Haven't confirmed with hotel yet on a date.

- Sept 7 – Memorial Ride (Rigsby). Gene will put together a ride to Lake Geneva in conjunction with a memorial for Ric Case by the Chicago Hog Chapter. Details to follow.
- Need to get more rides on the calendar now.
- Other Activities:
- July 4 - Rolling Thunder will be participating in the July 4th parade.
- Sept. 22 – Rolling Thunder has its annual Thunder Run.

Safety/RC: Mike Bradbury

- Commended Greg on his Kaution Korner presentation with his tire at the last General Meeting. Very informative.
- Considering some summer topics – bugs, heat. Possibly bring in speakers like Roaddocs or mechanics from Woodstock HD on how to check your fluids, etc.

Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz (absent)

- Looking for ideas to promote our club for more members.
- Put up a booth at some of the antique car shows. Usually those who like cars also like to ride motorcycles. Take one of Wayne's antique bikes to draw attention.

Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- Mary was hoping for a better turnout of riders, but it was a beautiful day.
- Not a good response for the bike show so will maybe do a separate bike show at WSHD that can coexist with another Woodstock event.
- Need help to unload the trailer on Thursday. Will meet at 6:00 at Woodstock HD and then grab dinner somewhere.
- Members should consider items they may have for raffle items for next year. Will bring up at the next general meeting.

Secretary: Jane Smith

No updates.

Miscellaneous—for the good of the club!

- Greg suggested that since Rick Agrimonti will be moving out of the area in July, we should look for candidates to fill his vacated position for posting activities and sending the blasts. Nick Bender, David Ramirez, and Bill Fulton are possibilities. Will discuss further.

Meeting adjourned by Gene at 8:01 p.m.



Good Bye And Thanks.... Rick!

Rick and Loni
Agrimonti are making
'The Move'!

After raising their family, pursuing their careers and enjoying all of those things, it is now time to relax and enjoy the view! They are making their way south and if they agree, I'll publish their new address in the next month's ROAR. That way we can all drop in when we are in the area!

Thank you, Rick for the years of support for our Club! Getting the word out is so important to keeping everyone involved... and you did it well! We are grateful!

Rick and Loni... Enjoy! You will be missed!



July Birthdays and Anniversaries!

14 Ted Makarewicz
18 Don DeLordo

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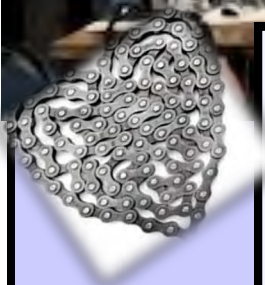


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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Saturday, June 21st – Monday July 1st.	Adler, 2024	Germany	Various German Sites!	Different for each rider...	Rigsby/Lutz
Saturday, July 13th - Sunday July 14th	I would ride 500 Miles!	TBD	Omaha	8:00 Am	Bradbury
Monday, July 29th—Aug 6th	Start out for Sturgis	BP at 12 and 176	Sturgis	8:00 AM	Boand
Tuesday, August 6th	General Meting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 PM	Rigsby
Monday, August 5th	Front Range Ride	Alex Johnson	Various Destinations and then Home	7:00 AM	W. Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, August 13th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 AM	Rigsby
Friday, August 16th - Sunday August 18th	Trempealeau Ride	TBD	Trempealeau, WI	TBD	Bradbury
Tuesday, September 3rd	General Meting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 PM	Rigsby
Saturday, September 7th	Memorial Ride	TBD	TBD	TBD	Bradbury
Tuesday, September 10th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 AM	Rigsby

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