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## Upcoming Events

### MARCH

- 4 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 BOARD MEETING
- 15 SR ROAD CAPTAINS
- 23 GRASS

### APRIL

- 1 GENERAL MEETING
- 6 GRASS CLASS
- 8 BOARD MEETING
- 26 KICK-OFF RIDE

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**SPRING  
IS  
COMING!**



Talk to Greg Smith and (maybe you??) and get your ideas on the calendar!





## PRESIDENT'S POINT

### And Now a Word from your President...



Hello, Top Cats!!

I hope all is well and that you and your families are getting ready for SPRING....

This is the hardest time of the year for me as I know the good weather is coming, but it's tough to be patient and wait for it, so.... It's a good time to keep busy and put all the Kaution Korner tips for spring riding prep in action now!

We are turning 30 this year.... Are you kidding...?? I can't believe it.

This club doesn't look a day over 27.... More to come about this... Stay tuned.

#### Activities from February...

**Feb 8)** WSHD Cabin Fever - Rigsby. We set up our canopy, tables and monitors to promote NIRSA and the Top Cats. The event was well attended this year, and we had a good amount of interest in our charity ride and the club. We even received a member application.

#### A big thanks to all that made it out, set up our space and helped promote... US....

If you missed the Cabin fever and are looking for another opportunity to participate, WSHD is having an open house on April 26th. Watch for details.

**Feb 15)** Awards banquet - Bradbury, Rigsby & Rigsby. We had another great event... In my humble opinion... Lots of good times. Check out the pictures and details in the addition of ROAR. Now, we need to start planning for next year.

**Feb 16)** First Aid training @ WDHS - Bradbury. We had a good turn out. Even though the attendance was good, I wish the whole club would attend. I took the class so I can help YOU (which I hope never happens...)... It would be GREAT if YOU took the class to help ME (which I hope never happens either)...

**Feb 23)** Mama Tried - Rigsby. Very cool show, so of course, only the coolest Top Cats attended... Otherwise the cool would have been too... cool.. I guess... We had a good time. The show was very interesting with lots of one of a kind stuff. Lots of vendors participated with all kinds of things to offer, like custom painting, engine parts, clothing, etc... After attending, we went to a supper club for a fantastic brunch.

#### Activities for March...

**Mar 15)** Road Captain annual meeting - Bradbury. Yes, the Ides of March are upon us.... Mike has made arrangements for our annual review meeting. The RC's and Senior RC's will review the GRASS presentation for any needed changes, review the club calendar and add planned rides from our RC's. We are requesting AT LEAST 2 rides from each RC.

#### SAVE THE DATE(S) NOW:

6/14 - Ride for Dreams (Yes...! Our charity event)

7/28 - 8/5 - Sturgis - Boand & Kirkpatrick

8/4 - 8/10 - Front Range Ride - Kirkpatrick (Start date has been moved up to 8/4)

And if all that isn't enough... As mentioned, we will be adding even more events and RIDES right after the RC meeting in March.... Oh boy!!!

#### AND... STILL room on the calendar...

Let's get a few more rides or other activities together and let's go!

Don't need to be complex. **KISS**...

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

And as usual, watch for blasts and check the Top Cats event calendar regularly and by all means **SAVE THE CLUB ACTIVITY DATES FIRST!**

Make sure to send any activity or ride ideas to Greg Smith and I, 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](mailto:gene.rigsby@gmail.com), or phone, 847-770-9425.

Looking forward to seeing you there....  
Gene "Lucky" Rigsby



Happy St. Patrick's Day!





## KAUTION KORNER

### Get your Kit Ready!

By: Ted "Hogski" Makerewicz, Senior Road Captain



The following list of items are a combination of items found in both types of first aid kits to give you a comprehensive first aid kit to treat the five basic types of injuries. Those items are as follows:

It seems appropriate to talk about our Emergency Kits that we carry on our bikes... as we just finished a CPR/First Aid Class! Wayne always says, "Make sure your kit is up to date... that's the one we will be using on you!"



Everyone has a first aid kit somewhere on their bike, but do you recall in which saddlebag its located and when was the last time that you actually opened it up! A good first aid kit should be a mandatory part of your riding equipment, just like always wearing a helmet, boots that cover your ankle and a good pair of riding gloves. It goes with the saying, "All The Gear All The Time" (ATGATT). A good first aid kit is even more of an essential part of your gear, because it could possibly save a person's life.

The first thing a rider must determine in putting together a comprehensible first aid kit is the type of injuries you may encounter during your trip. There are five basic types of injuries you might encounter on the road.

They are:

- Burns - sunburn and contact with hot engine parts and mufflers
- Cuts, Abrasions and Scrapes
- Eye injuries – objects flying into the eyes and insect bites or stings
- Fractures, Bleeding
- Trauma to the Head, Neck, Spine, Chest and Abdomen.

The first aid kit that we are all familiar with is the one we find in our homes and autos. It's the white plastic Johnson and Johnson first aid kit with the red cross on the cover. This first aid kit is good for minor cuts and burns, but it will not suit our needs as a result of a motorcycle accident. Therefore, we need to look at a kit that include life-saving items called EPIK, (Emergency Personal Injury Kit) to meet our needs.

- Antibiotic Ointment or powder – Individual packets. Pack of 6.
- Anti-microbial Hand Cleaner – Waterless: They make waterless hand cleaners in individual packets. Bring five or six
- Band-aids – A variety of shapes and sizes for small cuts and scrapes. Pack knuckle and fingertip band aids.
- Steri-strips (Butter-fly sutures, Adhesive Sutures, Adhesive Closures) – used to pull a small gaping cut or wound together.
- Large Combine Pads – For heavy bleeding.
- 5 Large Sterile Gauze Pads – For bleeding. Most first aid kits do not have enough gauze or absorbent dressings to be useful in a motorcycle kit.
- 5 Medium Sterile Gauze – If you don't want to carry this smaller size carry extra of the larger size and cut them down to what you need.
- CPR Mask. This is important because the purpose of a CPR mask is mainly to keep the victim from vomiting on you.
- Emergency Blanket – These are great for retaining body heat and can be used as a reflector for rain and ground cover.
- Normal saline 10ml vials – this doubles as an eye wash or wound cleansing.
- Instant Cold Pack/s – These are so useful with burns, bruising, swelling and sprains.
- Burn cream or gel – Aloe Vera aids in healing, pain relief, has anti-inflammatory properties, helps prevent blistering and scarring.
- Glow Stick – High intensity emergency glow stick for directing traffic or signaling for help.
- Heavy Duty Zip-lock Bags – Tons of uses including removing used and contaminated gauze, gloves and dressings.
- Latex gloves – Bring a minimum of 6 pairs. If you have multiple riders down, you need to change gloves for every person you touch.
- Other medication – sample packets of Anti-diarrheal tablets, anti-acid, Antihistamine: for mild allergic reactions and Pain relieves.

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## Oil Spots

By Traveler



### Ride to Eat, Eat To Ride!



Life comes with a few necessities: food, water, shelter...and motorcycles. Or at least those are four necessities when traveling. Finding restaurants with great food, a history, or a

unique atmosphere is also definitely worthwhile. Here are a few different ways to find places to eat while on a trip.

#### Google Maps + Apple Maps

Zoom in on a town and take a look at the food offerings in the area. Most towns we stop in are not major cities with thousands of options, which makes it a bit easier to narrow down your choices.

Finally, read a few comments and use your best judgment. If you feel that it's worth a shot, go for it.

#### Word of Mouth: Ask a Local!

Every corner of the country has its quirky dive bars and famous eateries that have been around for decades. There are also plenty of hidden gems that locals may only know about. Usually, the easiest way to find them is to just ask a local.

If you're looking for something specific, there's no better way to find your way around a town than to ask someone who's familiar with the neighborhood. Especially a like-minded, two-wheeled enthusiast. From moto-themed coffee shops to the popular motorcycle-friendly watering hole, a local is definitely going to be able to give you a heads-up on the moto-centric spots in the area. And, don't forget that local motorcycle dealership, regardless of brand.

#### Facebook

One benefit to social media is Facebook Groups. Look for a few motorcycle-focused travel and camping groups that cover the entire United States. This goes back to the previous topic: ask a local. You never know what type of info you may get from a group of strangers! From here, it's up to you if you want to take their advice and go for it or do a bit more research with the information you've been given to narrow down your options.

#### Live in the Moment

Have you ever ridden past a restaurant that was closed, but looked unique? Maybe their branding caught your eye? Or perhaps a place was jam-packed with people? Make a mental note of places like this so that you can go back at a later date if I don't have the option to stop right then.

Food should be a secondary consideration to the route, the weather, the destination, etc. However, there is no sense in a road captain being embarrassed by stopping at an eatery with horrible service and food. Strive to live up to the motto "Ride to eat. Eat to ride!"

#### Buells by the beach!

Buell Motorcycles are showcasing their latest line-up at Florida's Daytona Bike Week 2025, while also giving fans their first opportunity to get hands-on with their prototype Super Cruiser model.



Taking place from February 28 to March 9, the display features the firm's existing two-bike range – comprising the 183bhp Hammerhead and 1190SX models – plus new SuperTouring prototypes, seven examples of their production-ready prototype Super Cruisers, and various custom Super Cruiser builds.



Built in collaboration with custom specialist Roland Sands, the raked-out Super Cruisers are being revealed in both static displays

and riding demonstrations for the first time ever, with Buell confirming that these are now almost ready to be fully released, with only minor refinements needed before their official unveiling later this year.

In terms of price, the new machine will hit the US market with an suggested retail price of \$25,900.



"This 2025 Daytona Bike Week for Buell is really special," said Bill Melvin, CEO of Buell Motorcycle Co. "Our company has been growing exponentially as we ramp up for the Super Cruiser production launch, and these final prototypes are a big accomplishment in that journey."

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## Oil Spots, , Continued...



Spec-wise, the 204.1kg muscle bike will make use of the brand's water-cooled 1190cc V-twin, churning out a claimed 175bhp and 100lb.ft of torque under current testing.

Moving on to the chassis, Buell has gone for a minimalistic steel trellis arrangement, as well as 17-inch wheels lifted from the Hammerhead superbike – pointing to the bike's sporty intentions.

The new machine will feature dedicated Fox suspension front and rear – consisting of a new rear shock and forks – as well as Brembo brakes, with more information about these parts to be revealed at the event.

One-off custom builds based on the model are also on display, although these are not intended for production. Buell is based at Destination Daytona, near J&P Cycles, for the duration of the show.

## What's a Carpuride???

Unless you've tuned out the latest moto gadgets and electronics, you may have noticed that there's been a tidal wave of Apple CarPlay/Android Auto (ACP/AA) devices brought to market for motorcycles.

You've likely experienced ACP/AA in an automobile and offers so much more than the GPS units of yesteryear. Besides the ACP/AA functionalities they have in common, some moto versions add cameras, lane change assist, tire pressure displays, and more..



Carpuride's new W702BS catches up in the game by adding WW control to the touchscreen. Unfortunately, owners of the original 702B cannot upgrade their firmware to add this feature set. Even though the BS (don't laugh) model looks almost the same, they are different animals.

The Carpuride W702BS has a seven-inch screen. While

you can get the W502BS, which has a five-inch screen.

The only visual giveaway that tells you that you are looking at the B or BS model is the mount. The B model has a removable BMW-style mount that allows owners to switch to an included ball



mount (and wiring) to use their unit on a non-BMW. If you want to transfer your device between motorcycles, the B model is for you.

The new Carpuride BS model has the mount permanently affixed to the back of the chassis. This precludes any ability to transfer to another bike, though it reduces the unit's depth by one inch.

The Wonder Wheel control operates like any GPS by long-pressing the menu button upward. Once done, left and right presses and up and down scrolling of the WW allows the pilot to do anything that can be accomplished with a finger on the touchscreen. The rider can change apps and run the app choices from the WW.



Two data display screens get information from the motorcycle's computer and are nicely laid out. One must exit ACP/AA to access these, and most of that data is already on the dash.

A favorite feature on the Carpuride W702BS is that the unit allows you to use the WW to jump ahead on songs in my playlist. Scroll and click to position the cursor on the fast-forward button. When focusing on the road, especially in the twisties, you can skip to the next song with a press on the wheel. While it may not sound like much, it is vastly easier than looking down, finding the fast-forward arrow, and then clicking with one finger.

The Carpuride units are an excellent accompaniment to any riding experience. They conveniently allow you to see incoming calls, make them, run music, see and hear text messages, view maps, and much more. For BMW riders with the BMW Nav Prep GPS, the Carpuride W702BS enhances the ACP/AA experience by integrating the BMW Multi-Controller. The list price is \$540.

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Oil Spots, continued...

## 1964 Triumph Bonneville T100 Features Bob Dylan

*A Complete Unknown*, starring Timothée Chalamet as Bob Dylan in a movie that tells the story of his emergence as a folk music star in the mid-1960s, has escaped much criticism. We'd like to think that the inclusion of a 1964 Triumph Bonneville T100 improved the movie's credibility.



"In *A Complete Unknown*, the Bonneville T100 is more than just a piece of period detail." Its sleek design and cultural significance make it a timeless addition to the film's recreation of 1960s Greenwich Village, amplifying the authenticity of Dylan's world."

While the 1964 Triumph Bonneville T100 is arguably more stylish than the current edition 60 years later, the mechanical improvements are undeniable.



The '64 T100 was an air-cooled pushrod parallel twin with two valves per cylinder and a displacement of 490cc. The current Triumph Bonneville T100 is a liquid-cooled SOHC parallel twin with four valves per cylinder and displaces 899cc. While the old T100 put out 34 horsepower at 7000 rpm, the new version is good for 64 horsepower at 7400 rpm, and a four-speed transmission has been upgraded to a five-speed. The 1964's drum brakes have been replaced by a disc brake on each wheel. The 1964 T100 has a 93-pound dry weight advantage—375 vs. 468 pounds.

*A Complete Unknown* ends before the most unfortunate moment in Dylan's motorcycle riding career. He crashed his T100 on July 29, 1966, near his Woodstock, NY, home. The cause of the fall and the injuries sustained by Dylan have been shrouded in secrecy.

Fortunately, the motorcycle didn't end Dylan's motorcycle riding career and he has continued to ride into the 2000s.



## Sena's New Phantom Smart Helmet



latest release, the Phantom, brings smart helmet capability up a notch.

It looks pretty cool and is packing quite a bit of tech.

Sena's Phantom is a full-face helmet that wants to give you seamless communication, high-quality audio, and improved safety features—all without needing external devices. Right off the bat, this thing's ideal for folks who want to keep a clean and polished aesthetic without missing out on all the bells and whistles.0:~



The Phantom is pretty much a refined and well-integrated version of what Sena already does best. It comes equipped with Mesh Intercom 3.0 and WAVE Intercom, giving you multiple options to stay connected with your group. Whether you're in a large riding pack or just chatting with a passenger, the system promises a stable, flexible connection.

As is the case with most top-tier helmet communication systems, sound quality is a big deal with this lid. Sena teamed up with Harman Kardon for premium speakers and microphone tech, so music, calls, and intercom chats should come through crisp and clear. There's also AI-powered noise cancellation, which helps cut out wind and road noise for better communication, and perhaps even a bit less fatigue on longer rides.

Beyond just communication, Sena integrated safety lighting into the Phantom. It has front and rear lights, with the rear ones acting as brake lights that activate when you slow down. It's by no means a novel feature, as other helmets are already offering this tech, and you can even buy a stick-on accelerometer-powered brake light off Amazon. But it'll surely be interesting to see how well this thing works.

Communications, lighting, and visibility—Sena's Phantom wants to provide it all.

Sena has also made sure the Phantom can receive Over-the-Air (OTA) updates via the Sena Motorcycles App. No need to plug your helmet into your laptop or home computer—just keep your helmet up to date with a tap on your phone.



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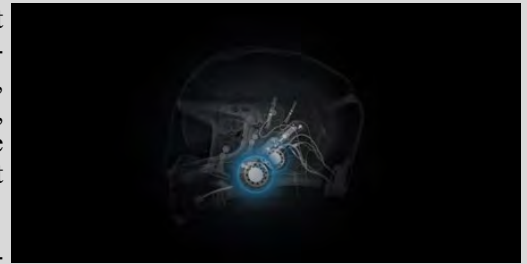




Oil Spots, continued...

But perhaps the most attractive feature of this helmet is its form factor. Unlike other Bluetooth communicators that require a bulky, externally mounted module, the Phantom keeps everything streamlined. The controls are flush-mounted, and dual internal antennas help maximize communication range. Despite packing in all this tech, Sena also managed to fit a larger battery without compromising comfort.

The price for the Phantom is a reasonable \$499. Pretty good value, considering all the tech that's stuffed into it. Sena's Phantom looks like a well-rounded option for riders who want a helmet that blends protection with modern connectivity. For group rides it's a reliable way to stay in touch while on the bike.



KK, continued...

- Triangular Bandage – For slings, padding, strapping limbs to splints when fractures are suspected.
- Trauma shears – Heavy duty pair, a size 7 ½. You'll need to be able to cut through leather. You won't have time to unzip and undress if there is heavy bleeding you'll need to cut through the leathers.
- Curved Scissors – Curved medical ones are great as they don't have sharp points. In an emergency you might need to cut clothes away from an injury. With sharp edges it is easy to poke through something and cause further injury when you are in a hurry or under stress.
- Elastic and crepe bandages – a few different widths. 10cm (2") and larger are often more versatile than smaller ones.
- Tweezers – A good pair of tweezers with easy-to-grip handles.
- Charged Mobile phone – to call 911
- Sting Relief and Burn Gel
- Duct Tape Mini Roll
- 2x Safety Pins – To pin bandages in place.
- Flashlight and Utility Tool/Knife

Now the difficult part. You need to get all of these items into a soft-sided waterproof zipper case to fit in your saddlebag. Believe it or not, all of the above items can fit into a bag 7"x 5" x 3"!!! Your first aid kit should be easy to access, and it should be placed in the right saddlebag. The non-traffic side of the bike. Also, organize the items with a system that will allow you to use them quickly. Familiarize you with what's in your kit.

There are many sources regarding first aid kits and I would recommend using google to see the many first aid kits that are offered and their prices. Harley-Davidson even offers a moderate priced Biker's Compact First Aid Kit.

But the bottom line is to be familiar with the contents of your first aid kit. You should on a routine basis, go through your first aid kit, to check to see if any items have expired but more importantly is to know the purpose of and how to use every item in your kit. Otherwise, it's just taking up space. The best stocked first aid kit is useless if you do not have the knowledge to use it.

Finally, if you happen to be involved in a motorcycle accident scene, and you are using your first aid kit to render aid to a fallen biker, know your limits in providing medical assistance, and if you have any doubts, seek professional help through a 911 operator to connect you to an expert to help you assess injuries and recommend immediate action until professional help arrives.

Places that you can go to find the kits that you may want:

- ◇ Vicky Sanfelipo and Accident Scene Management—(262) 706-3278 . Call for advice on the supplies most needed!
- ◇ My Medic: [MyFAK - Best IFAK Medical & Trauma Kit](#)
- ◇ Tri Peak Medic - click [HERE](#)
- ◇ Rhino rescue: Click [HERE](#)
- ◇ And as always.... Amazon!

May the Luck of the Irish slide in on a rainbow!  
May it come with a pot of gold and the bike rides  
of your dreams! 2025 Riding Season is coming!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!





## General Membership Meeting Minutes February 4th, 2025

Respectfully Submitted  
by: Jane Smith

### President's Section: Gene Rigbsby

- ♦ Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ Pledge of Allegiance
- ♦ Guests - None
- ♦ Announcements - None

**Vice President: Bozena Hasztrakiewicz (Absent)**  
No Report

### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ♦ Travis has left WSHD and a new guy has replaced him.

### Safety: Mike Bradbury

- ♦ Accident/Safety Review
- ♦ A video was shown about "How Harley Killed Itself."
- ♦ Mike reviewed his article in the ROAR about becoming a road captain.
  - ♦ This involves research/planning, details to safety, pre-riding the route, promoting the ride, and practicing the principles of GRASS.
- ♦ Don will provide the Kaution Korner article for March.
- ♦ A GRASS class will be scheduled sometime in March (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> week).

### Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- ♦ No new interests.
- ♦ Membership cards for the 2025 season were passed out to members.

### Activities: Greg Smith (absent)

#### Recent Activities:

- ♦ January 12-Move/Chili Cookoff at WSHD. Good movie showing the history of motorcycle clubs in our area. Good chili also.
- ♦ Future Activities:
- ♦ February 8 – WSHD Cabin Fever (Gene). 11:00-4:00. Come early to help set up the Top Cats table and stay for the party while talking with fellow riders to promote interest in the club and our charity event in June. Live music, food, good company, and all things motorcycles.
- ♦ February 9 – Charity Ride Planning Meeting (Mary). 12:30 – Kirkpatrick's. Come with ideas. Food will be served.

- ♦ February 15 – Awards Dinner (Mike/Gene). Will be held at Emmett's in Palatine 5:30-9:00. Cost: \$45/person. Be sure to let Don know if you are coming.
- ♦ February 16 – CPR/First Aid Training (Mike). Will be held at WSHD from 9:00-1:00. \$85/person. You must register online before the event.
- ♦ February 23 – Mama Tried Motorcycle Show in Milwaukee (Gene). Advanced entrance and parking tickets are available online. If interested in going, let Gene know and we will meet at 9:45 at the gate.
- ♦ June 14 – Ride, Rock, Rumble (Mary). Save the date. More details to follow after the planning meeting.
- ♦ July 28-August 5 – Sturgis (Bard & Wayne). Rooms are blocked. Small group going so far.
- ♦ August 5-10 – Front Range Ride (Wayne). Small group so far, so will be an open agenda and plan as they go.

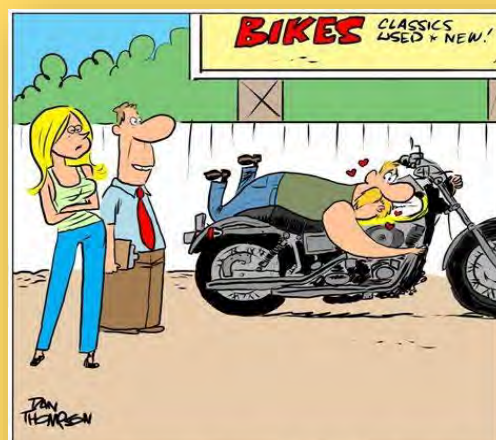
### Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- ♦ Planning meeting set for Sunday, Feb 9, 12:30 at Kirkpatrick's house.

### Products: Ted Makarewicz

- ♦ Still have miscellaneous inventory available. Top Cat flags are available for \$20.

**50/50 Raffle: Andy Hasztrakiewicz – None**  
Meeting was adjourned by Gene at 7:50 p.m.



"IS THIS WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID TO NEVER LET THE DEALER SEE HOW MUCH YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THE BIKE?"





## Board Meeting Minutes February 11th, 2025

Respectfully Submitted  
by: Jane Smith

### President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- ♦ The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. via Zoom. All Board members were present except for Ted.
- ♦ Gene reiterated that board members need to follow club protocol for new member approval. All membership goes through Ted – not anyone else. Information will then be forwarded to Jane for the roster update.

### Vice President – Bozena Haszlakiewicz

- ♦ Gene will be going over the responsibilities of Vice President. She should know how to be President in case she is needed to do so. He will also go over the by-laws with her to keep abreast of what they are. Mary suggested that Bozena could present a fact about the by-laws at each meeting.

### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ♦ There is a new General Manager at WSHD named Chuck. Wayne talked with him at Cabin Fever. He has experience working at six other dealerships. He is willing to work with us but is looking for mutual support.
- ♦ In regard to new members, let's be sure to follow protocol to check out potential members. Let's not lower our standards just to accept a new member. Remember, we do not accept convicted felons!
- ♦ Wayne gave a shout out to Don for the credibility of the financial reports. Very detailed. Suggested he make a legend to show what the letters represent in his reports.

### Treasurer: Don DeLordo

#### Report/Review

- ♦ Don reviewed the financial reports for January & February for the General and Charity accounts. Everyone has paid their membership for 2025, however we still need waivers from 4 people yet.
- ♦ The donation check for \$2,500 is made out and ready to go for the presentation to NISRA at the Awards banquet this Saturday.

### Activities: Greg Smith

#### Past Events:

- ♦ Feb. 2 – WSHD Cabin Fever. Everything went well. Good turnout this year compared to past years. We received a new membership application also.

#### Future Events:

- ♦ Feb. 15 – Awards Banquet. It will be held at Emmett's Brewing Company in Palatine, 5:30-9:00. Cost is \$45/person. Emmett's informed Don that the price has gone up but will honor our original cost. Agenda is set and the awards are ready.
- ♦ Feb. 16 – CPR Class at WSHD, 9:00–1:00. Cost is \$85/person. Registration is online.
- ♦ Feb. 23 – Mama Tried Motorcycle Show, Milwaukee. 10:00-3:00. Gene will meet us there at 9:45. Tickets are

available online. Vets are free through will-call – show ID.

- ♦ March 15 - Senior Road Captain meeting at Wauconda American Legion Hall 9:00-12:00. Doors open at 8:30.
- ♦ April 26 - Kick-Off Ride (Bradbury). He will probably do an "option" ride again as last year. We will either go to one destination (longer) or another (shorter) depending on the weather.
- ♦ June 14 – Ride, Rock, Rumble. See notes below.
- ♦ July 18-August 5 – Sturgis. Bard has set up hotels. Need road captains to lead the rides out there. Would like more people to participate.
- ♦ August 5-10 – Front Range Ride. Wayne will figure out where to go once he finds out what participants want to see.

### Safety/RC: Mike Bradbury

- ♦ Mike is looking for videos to show at the general meetings. Wayne suggested that we could possibly use some links from the upcoming CPR class.
- ♦ Mike would like to invite Rich Gruner from ABATE to a general meeting to talk about anything new happening this year.
- ♦ Mike is putting together the Kaution Korner schedule for 2025. Wayne suggested we recycle some old articles from years past.
- ♦ A Road Captain meeting will be held March 15 at Wauconda Legion.
- ♦ A GRASS class is scheduled for March 23 at Keller Williams in Barrington.
- ♦ A GRASS class has been scheduled for the Fox Valley HHOGS at Keller Williams on April 6.

### Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz (absent)

- ♦ We received a membership application at Cabin Fever from Mark Krush of Marengo. The Board voted to accept his application.

### Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- ♦ A planning meeting was held Feb. 9. A lot of good ideas were discussed. Mary will distribute the meeting notes to the committee as soon as she can.
- ♦ We will start the ride at WSHD as in the past, but Gene and Jim Wiseman will talk with the McencHHenry Legion to see if we can work something out with them for ending the ride there. They have food & drinks.
- ♦ It was decided we would change the name back to Ride for Dreams next year. Probably too late to do so for this year.

### Secretary: Jane Smith

No comments.

Meeting adjourned by Gene at 7:56 p.m.



## Top Cats Banquet...

## Another Good Day!

The pictures show the faces of Top Cats enjoying the celebration of a great 2024!



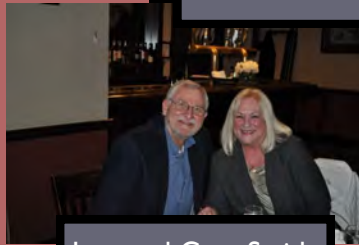
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Gene Rigsby and Mike Bradbury



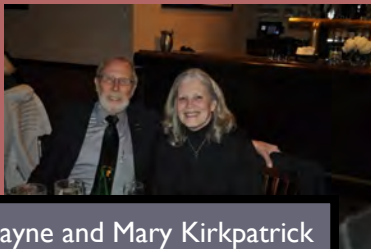
Bill Fulton and Deb



Jim Wiseman, and Don DeLordo



Jane and Greg Smith



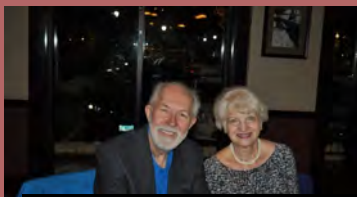
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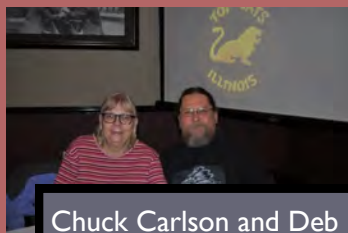
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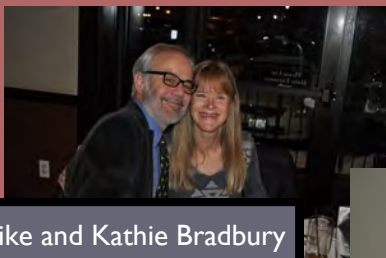
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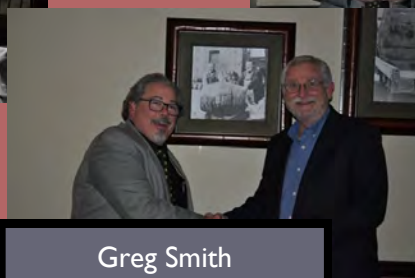
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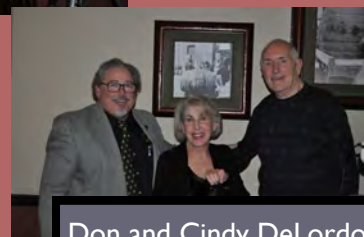
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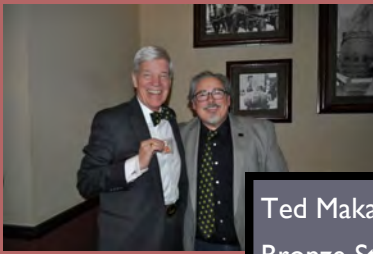


Greg Smith  
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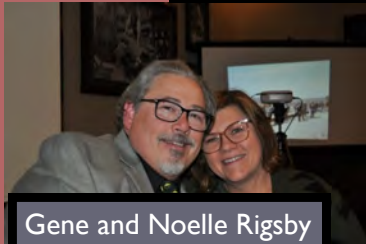
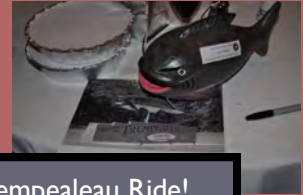




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## Women on Bikes... A Growing Powerhouse!

Information collected by Mary Kirkpatrick..

Al and [Women in Powersports Continues to Grow](#)  
- [Motorcycle & Powersports News](#)

About  
20% of  
motor-

cycle owners in the United States are women, and this number is growing. Women are more likely to ride motorcycles in younger generations.

Motorcycle ownership by generation..

- **Millennials:** 26% of motorcycle owners are women
  - **Gen X:** 22% of motorcycle owners are women
  - **Boomers:** 9% of motorcycle owners are women
- Women's motorcycle preferences
- Cruisers are the most popular choice for women, with 34% of female riders choosing them
  - Scooters are also popular, with 33% of female riders choosing them
  - Sport bikes are the third most popular choice, with 10% of female riders choosing them
  - Many women prefer to work on their own bikes rather than taking them to a shop
- Safety and training
- Women are more likely to enroll in and complete hands-on intensive training courses
  - 58% of women regularly undergo rider safety courses
  - Women are also significant influencers in motorcycle and motorsport purchases

Traditionally, the women who rode were either college age or empty nesters," says Sarah Schilke, co-chairwoman, WomenRidersNow.com. "That gap is filling in. There is an influx of younger and post-college-age women and an increase in women's rider groups, popularized by social media."

**Women  
are on the  
move!!**



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24 Cindy DeLordo

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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, March 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, March 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Saturday, March 15th	Senior Road Captains	Wauconda	Am Legion Post 911	9:00 am	Badbury
Sunday, March 23rd	GRASS Class	Barrington	Keller Williams	8:00 am	Bradbury
Tuesday, April 1st	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, April 6th	GRASS Class	Barrington	Keller Williams	8:00 am	Bradbury
Tuesday, April 8th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Saturday, April 26st	Kick-Off Ride	Speedway, Kelsey Rd Lake Barrington	Hank's Farm Ottoawa	9:00 am	Bradbury
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](http://www.TopCats.org).



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