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## Double Clutch Lunch Ride!

Yes! We are Riding!  
And...What a Ride!



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## Upcoming Events

### JUNE

- 3 GENERAL MEETING
- 10 BOARD MEETING
- 14 RIDE FOR DREAMS

### JULY

- 1 GENERAL MEETING
- 8 BOARD MEETING
- 13 CONTINENTAL GARDENS
- 29 START FOR STURGIS

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





## PRESIDENT'S POINT

And Now a Word from your President...



Hello, Top Cats!!

I hope you all have made time to join a recent Top Cats ride or at least got out to shake off the riding rust. If not, it's not too late... The season is just starting, so check the calendar and get out on the next ride.

I would love to write more about club happenings, but it has been too quite. Let's change that.

**June 14th is the Ride for Dreams.** ALL members should plan to attend and register for the ride, so get it on your calendar right now... Go on...

We really need a big push to get more attendees at the **Ride for Dreams**, so please talk to people about it, tell your friends and family, too... Are you a member of another riding club? Arrange a satellite ride to our charity ride to bring those folks along. It's easy.

### Activities from May...

**May 10)** 20th Annual Bike Blessing & Blow the Carbon out Charity Ride for North Carolina American Legion Riders affected by the 2024 storms. Don reported that this ride was sparsely attended. We can do better, right?? We are a RIDING club, right...???

**May 31) Double Clutch Lunch Ride - Rigsby.** We headed out on an easy ride through the winding roads on the north shore ending up at Double Clutch Brewing for lunch, then made our way back to the starting point. It is a good place and not too challenging to get to. (See Pictures and story on pg. 8)

### Activities for June...

**It needs to be said again:**

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There had been a couple more rides planned for June, but they had to be canceled/postponed, which sounds bad but this is an opportunity in disguise as now another RC or club member looking to become an RC can step in and put on a ride the whole club can enjoy.

Don't wait...

Do it now.

### SAVE THE DATE(S) NOW:

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

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

We added 12 new rides to the calendar, including 2 multi-day rides... Oh Yea!!!

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, Jim Wiseman 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





## KAUTION KORNER

### Wear Your Helmet!

By: Greg Smith  
Sr. Road Captain

WHEN IS THE  
RIGHT TIME TO  
REPLACE YOUR  
MOTORCYCLE  
HELMET?



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## When Should You Really Replace a Motorcycle Helmet?

### Separating Fact from Fiction

A motorcycle helmet should be a critical part of your riding gear. It protects your noggin, can make you visible to other drivers/riders and saves you from dust, heat, wind, rain and even insects. It should be vital to your rides and when it comes to changing your helmet, remember it is not a forever thing. Your motorcycle helmet has a life of its own.

The Snell Memorial Foundation recommends replacing helmets within 5 years of first use or 7 years from the manufacturing date. They make a seemingly convincing argument but don't actually offer any research; it's a "judgement call" and not research based.

Many manufacturers and dealers recommend every 5 years, others say replace every 5-7 years, even if you haven't used it. But there's no solid evidence to back this up. With the variety of materials, brands, and environmental factors involved, it is not possible to make an accurate generalized statement like this.

So when we ask, "When should I change my motorcycle helmet?" the answer can be summed up after considering the following points.

### Key Factors That Impact Your Motorcycle Helmets Lifespan

**Deterioration:** Over time, the materials used in helmet construction, including the shell, glues, and EPS (expanded polystyrene) liner, can break down due to exposure to elements, sweat, UV rays, and general wear and tear. If you are among the daily riders who use their helmet regularly, then the chances of your helmet showing signs of deterioration earlier is higher than the occasional weekend rider and therefore, your helmet would need to be replaced sooner. Your motorcycle helmet needs to be replaced when there are visible signs of cracks, broken straps, and deep scratches. These signs indicate that the integrity of your helmet has been compromised and thus I

time to buy a new one. Loosening of padding is another sign of deterioration, but padding itself can be changed which can help get the snug fit back for your helmet.

**Exposure to Elements:** Extreme temperatures of hot and cold can weaken the helmet's sturdy outer shell, and even its EPS (expanded polystyrene) liner, which is designed to absorb shock during an impact. Frequent exposure to sunlight, wind, and rain accelerates the degradation process. Additionally, harsh chemicals like cleaning products not specifically designed for helmets can damage the materials and adhesives.

If for any reason your **motorcycle helmet** has been exposed to direct heat or fire, it definitely is time for a change.

Proper storage in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight is essential to maximize your helmet's lifespan.

**Accidents and Drops:** Be mindful even a minor accident or drop can compromise the structural integrity of your helmet, which increases the frequency of how often to replace your motorcycle helmet. Internal cracks or damage to the liner may not be readily visible, but they can significantly reduce the helmet's protective capabilities. If your helmet has been involved in any sort of accident or drop, it's crucial to replace it immediately.

If you have been in an accident where your helmet has faced impact, even if there are no visible signs of damage, it is highly possible that the integrity of the **motorcycle helmet** has been compromised and thus it is recommended to remove the internal padding and check the EPS (expanded polystyrene) lining of the helmet thoroughly for any such signs of damage or cracks. Similar is the case when you drop your helmet from a height. The sudden impact caused due to an accident or dropping of the helmet can cause damage to the helmet shell which makes your head vulnerable in any future incidents.

**Change of Riding Style:** (Touring, Sport, Off Road riding) This might sound awkward but it's true; your change of riding style does require a change of helmet. Think about will a touring helmet work for your adventure (off-road) rides too? Adventure riding or off roading is done in an altogether different terrain and thus such helmets need to have more breathing space and wider visibility for the rider.

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The helmets are designed as per the riding conditions so if you plan to change your choice of motorcycle and riding style, the same motorcycle helmet that you've been using might not be useful anymore.

## Understanding the Standards:

Motorcycle helmet standards like DOT, SNELL, and ECE 22.06 ensure helmets provide adequate protection during impacts by setting minimum requirements for impact absorption, penetration resistance, and retention strength. These standards help riders choose helmets that meet specific safety criteria for different riding environments and activities.

### **DOT:**

While the DOT standard is the baseline, some helmets may have a DOT rating but not meet the same standards as helmets certified by Snell or ECE 22.06.

### **SNELL:**

SNELL-certified helmets are generally considered to offer higher levels of protection compared to DOT-certified helmets due to their stricter testing requirements.

### **ECE:** (Economic Commission for Europe)

This standard is recognized worldwide and is often considered a higher standard of safety than DOT.

While DOT and SNELL are most common in the US, other standards like FIM (for racing) and SHARP (which tests and evaluates helmets from an independent organization) exist and may be relevant in specific contexts.

Five years might be the ideal time to upgrade your helmet as it accounts for the natural breakdown of materials like glues, resins, and the EPS foam used in the helmet's construction. These materials degrade over time, potentially compromising the helmet's ability to absorb impact energy effectively.

The more frequently you use your helmet, the faster it'll wear out. Regular daily riders are subject to their helmets showing signs of wear and tear, like cracks, broken straps, and scratches. In cases like this, a helmet is likely to need replacing sooner than one used for occasional weekend rides.

Ultimately, the question of how long does a motorcycle helmet last doesn't have a one-size-fits-all answer. By considering the manufacturer's recommendations, your riding frequency and riding conditions such as touring or off road, and the condition of your helmet, you can make an informed decision about how often to replace your motorcycle helmet.

Taking proper care and storage of your helmet will extend its life, however, considering the generic standard life span of 5-7 years is not a bad idea when it comes to replacing a helmet. When in doubt, invest in a new helmet sooner than later.

Never Gamble with Your Safety!

**(NOTICE: IF YOU ARE READING THIS AND NOT OUT RIDING IT IS PROBABLY BECAUSE:**

- ♦ **YOUR BIKE IS IN THE SHOP**
- ♦ **IT IS COLD AND RAINING**
- ♦ **YOUR LIST OF HOUSEHOLD CHORES IS TOO LONG**
- ♦ **YOU HAVE NO ONE TO RIDE WITH**

**ALL OF THESE ARE LAME EXCUSES SO....FIX 'EM AND....GO RIDE!!)**

## Slimey Crud Run



Sunny, warm weather brought out a great crowd at the Slimey Crud Café Racer Run's endpoint in Leland, Wisconsin. Motorcyclists of all types on a range of brands didn't let the day go to waste, resulting in a huge turnout.

Out of production since 1966, this British Panther "sloper" single is a rare sight in the U.S.

The Crud Run is an organic event with no big corporate sponsors, no official route, no road captains, and no set schedule.

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**Oil Spots**  
**By Traveler**





## Oil Spots, Continued...

It is a do-it-yourself good time held on the first Sunday in May and October, founded near the dawn of time by the members of the Slimey Crud Motorcycle Gang. The start point is in Pine Bluff, Wisconsin, a tiny berg in Dane County. The final destination is Leland, up in Sauk County

How and when the riders get from Pine Bluff to Leland is entirely up to them. There are well-paved roads spread out across southern Wisconsin, ranging from narrow, twisty, black-topped town roads to county and state highways. The only rule is unspoken, but well-understood—ride safe, have fun.

From the land of sky-blue waters,, this vintage Harley-Davidson hauling a Hamm's Beer-themed sidecar was a fan favorite.



When it comes to what kind of bikes, trikes, and whatever, there's no telling what you might see at the Crud Run. The Spring 2025 Slimey Crud Café Racer Run was no exception.



Complete with a vintage-style bumble-bee paint job, this Yamaha Super Ténéré sidecar rig showed up at the Spring 2025 Slimey Crud Café Racer Run.

Sidecar rigs stole the show for sheer creativity. Judging by the number of on-lookers, the best in show among them was a vintage Harley-Davidson hauling a sidehack faithfully done up to resemble a Hamm's beer can! The sidecar displayed the iconic advertising slogans, "From the land of sky blue waters!" and "The beer—refreshing!" You could almost hear the jingle as it rolled by. Yes, Hamm's is still around and now brewed by Molson Coors in Milwaukee.

If you missed the spring run, mark your calendar for October 5, when the Slimey Crud Café Racer Run returns. It's a day you won't forget.

## Another "Chinese Balloon?"



Data-Collecting Tires, Chinese Investors Won't Back Down

Pirelli has been warned by the US that sales of vehicles fitted with its Cyber Tire tech-

nology, which have data-collecting technology, could be restricted in the near future. The reasoning for the restriction is down to concerns over the influence of Pirelli's largest shareholder, Sinochem, which is based in China and has a 37% stake in the company. Thus far, Pirelli has declined to comment on the situation.

Pirelli has developed technology for its Cyber Tires, which can collect and transfer data in real-time to the vehicle using them. But, due to the US tightening restrictions around Chinese software and hardware in the automotive industry, this technology will soon pose a problem. US software prohibitions are supposed to take effect in 2027, while hardware prohibitions should take effect in 2029.

The tire manufacturer, based in Milan, Italy, was notified of the potential restrictions by a letter from the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security. The letter was sent in response to a request for an advisory opinion by Pirelli and notified the company that the technology would need specific authorization to sell in the US, which Pirelli could apply for.

## Harley-Davidson reveals space-age finish



Harley-Davidson Gray Ghost front end

Harley-Davidson lifted the lid on the fifth model in their growing Icons Collection – using the launch to showcase a super shiny surface finish



said to outlast traditional techniques while delivering a mirror-like shine.

Debuted on the Fat Boy Gray Ghost, which marks 35 years of the Fat Boy family, the new limited-edition features a polished metal look created using Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD), a vacuum-based process that ditches old-school painting or chroming in favor of a thin metallic coating.

The new bike packs Harley's 1923cc Milwaukee-Eight 117 motor – churning out a claimed 101bhp and 122lb.ft of torque – plus updated suspension, selectable modes, and the usual full suite of aids including cornering ABS, drag-torque slip control, and selectable modes.

"The original Fat Boy model took the look, proportions, and silhouette of a 1949 Hydra-Glide and completely modernized it for a new generation of riders," H-D Vice President of Design, Brad Richards said.

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## Oil Spots, continued...

The process isn't exactly new for Harley-Davidson. They previously used it to finish tank medallions, exhaust shields and headlamp bezels on some models.

Where its use was previously limited to covering small components, such as tank medallions, the Gray Ghost takes things up a notch – using the PVD process for large body panels including the tank and both fenders for the first time on a production model.



The process begins with a 'target' – usually a solid metal such as aluminum – which is placed inside the chamber alongside the part to be coated. The component itself, whether a

tank, mudguard or trim piece, is negatively charged, while the target is given a positive charge.

Once the system is activated, the target metal is vaporized, either by high temperatures or via bombardment with a high-energy plasma.

The released metal atoms are drawn towards the negatively charged surface of the part and begin to condense, atom by atom, forming a uniform metallic layer that's just a few microns thick.

A protective clear coat is then added to complete the process, locking in the finish and adding an extra layer of durability.

Compared to chrome plating, PVD is more resistant to corrosion and wear. Chrome finishes, as most riders will know, can flake, pit, or fade over time, especially under harsh conditions whereas PVD bonds directly to the surface offering a more consistent layer.



It's good for engines too

PVD is also heralded for its environmental benefits – while traditional electroplating involves toxic chemical baths, PVD does not, giving it a greener edge, overall.

It is also widely used in the automotive sector to enhance both the performance and durability of components. For example, it's commonly applied to engine parts such as piston rings, valves, and camshafts to reduce friction, improve wear resistance, and extend service life under high-stress conditions.

## Cheap or Economic?

Costing Under \$2,000, An ex-Tesla exec wants To make cheap electric Motorcycles. It was built with utility and accessibility in mind.



Tesla helped turn EVs from science experiments and novelties into status symbols and alternatives to internal combustion. And while Elon Musk tends to grab most of the spotlight, Tesla was—and still is—home to a lot of brilliant people quietly building the future.

So it makes perfect sense that a few of those folks would eventually branch out and start something of their own. That's exactly what happened with Zeno, a new EV startup based out of India. The company was founded by Michael Spencer, a former Tesla executive who once helped scale the Model 3 and Model Y programs and led efforts on Supercharger deployment. Now, he's got his sights set on a very different kind of challenge: building an electric motorcycle for the everyday rider.

Their first creation is called the Emara, and it's not just another sleek concept bike made for showrooms and Instagram likes. The Zeno Emara was designed with a function-first approach. /5

At first glance, the Emara seems simple, but it's packing some clever ideas under its rugged skin. It runs on a 4 kWh battery powering an 8 kW (10.7 hp) motor, delivering about 62 miles of real-world range and a top speed of 59 mph. That's more than enough for the daily grind, especially in urban and semi-urban areas. It even comes with four ride modes so you can tweak performance based on how much juice you need.

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## Oil Spots, continued...

What really sets it apart, though, is the flexibility in ownership and charging. You can buy the Emara outright with the battery for around \$1,425. Or you can save some cash and go for the battery subscription model. That brings the sticker price down about \$945 and gives you the option to either pre-pay for battery usage or pay as you go. Zeno offers two monthly prepaid plans: 48 kWh or about \$18 for 30 miles per day and 120 kWh roughly \$30 for 75 miles per day, or you can simply pay \$0.62 per Wh used.



Charging is just as convenient. Fast charging takes 1.5 hours at any public station with a Type 6 connector, while a home charger does the job in six. If you're on the subscription plan, you can also swap your battery at a Zeno station—no waiting, no range anxiety.



Design-wise, the Emara is clearly built with function in mind. It's got a high-mounted mudguard, a small fly-screen, and 7.5 inches of ground clearance. The long single-piece seat and sturdy chassis let you haul up to 550 pounds, and the bike can even tackle 30-degree inclines. Add in some optional storage boxes and you've got room for all the cargo your heart desires.

All this puts Zeno in a pretty interesting spot. It's not trying to sell luxury or speed or exclusivity. It's building something that just works, for the people who need it the most. And with the kind of pedigree its founders bring—from Tesla, Ola Electric, Ather, and Apple—there's reason to believe they might just pull it off.

In Europe, lightweight electric two-wheelers are already carving out a solid niche. Urban dwellers are warming up to EV mopeds, scooters, and bikes, especially with strong incentives and bike-friendly infrastructure in place. But in the US?

The average American rider still leans toward big gas-powered cruisers or high-performance sportbikes. Utility-focused commuters like the Emara haven't quite found their moment yet, at least not on a national scale. With rising fuel costs, tighter city regulations, and a growing appetite for practical EVs, that moment may not be far off. The real key would be price and positioning.

And if Zeno can offer something this capable for under \$1,500, it could spark some serious interest, especially among delivery riders, college students, or urban commuters looking for an affordable alternative.

The future of electric mobility might not come wrapped in chrome or clad in carbon fiber. It might look a lot more like the Zeno Emara. And that might just be exactly what the world needs—whether it realizes it yet or not.



Join us on June 14th  
And Let NISRA  
know we care!!



## Double Clutch Brewery Lunch

Words by: Mary Kirkpatrick

The air was crisp and cool, so the coats, gloves and extra layers came out. There was a promise of a great ride with good people.... So it was a day that wasn't to be missed!

Little did anyone know that the day would bring more than just a ride...It was a GREAT ride, with some time to check out a collection of old cars, have a good lunch, and enjoy the others who were riding too?!?! Or wanting to ride too! Thank you, Bozena and Andy for joining us and for saving us such premier parking!

Here are just a few of the cars that we were able to view, as well as the happy faces after lunch! Wish you were there? Well, you should have been! Make sure you put those rides on your calendar so you can join us on the next adventure! There are some great rides coming up!

Oh... and who knew that Sheridan road had twisties? With views of the lake and at 15 miles an hour, both the ride and the views can be enjoyed!





## Celebrating our Helping Hands, and NISRA Families!

Words by: Mary Kirkpatrick



This week will hold our 28th Annual Charity ride in Support of NISRA! So many things have changed over the years... Many different starting sites, many different destinations, many different leaders, a couple of different names, and many different outcomes! Some VERY successful, some rained out. BUT~ in all of those changes, in all of the outcomes, the one thing that has remained the same is the reason for the ride!

NISRA, Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association is the REASON FOR THE RIDE!

This organization serves so many families that need a little assistance in making sure that their loved one has a chance to enjoy recreational events.. Our donations usually are put toward transportation that includes wheel chairs and other needed technology for safely moving the NISRA members to the events that they enjoy!



Please join us in this special day! We will have sweet treats to start the day, Pizza or Hot Dogs are available at Volo Auto Museum. Music by to make us all smile~ and half price tickets to the Museum and other attractions! Bring your Family! Bring your Friends! Come and enjoy the day that starts with a beautiful 50 mile ride! By the end of the day we hope to make this a great memory for our Top Cats Family AND more importantly our NISRA Friends!





## General Membership Meeting Minutes May 6th, 2025

Respectfully Submitted  
by: Jane Smith

### President's Section: Gene Riggsby

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance

#### Guests

- Rachael La Rue – guest speaker from U. S. Law Shield
- Mara Golding - NISRA

#### Announcements-None

### Vice President: Bozenna Haszlkiewicz

- Bozenna was going through some of the old newsletters, the first one being 1995, called "American Dream in Motion." She read about how the yearly dues were \$50. Half of the membership showed up at the first meeting. It was decided that meetings would be held on the first Tuesday of the month.
- Next year will be the official 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club. Need to plan a celebration.

### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- The CEO of Harley Davidson has resigned because he feels the new tariffs will leave the company with no profits.

### Safety: Mike Bradbury

#### Accident/Safety Review

- Rachael La Rue from U. S. Law Shield was the guest speaker. She represents a legal defense company for accidents involving motorcycles along with all weapons (pepper spray, guns, knives, etc.) Membership is \$16.85/month with no caps. Retainers for defense lawyers nowadays are \$50,000-\$100,000.
- May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness month.
- Ride alert – no drugs, alcohol or certain medications that can impact your abilities to ride safe.
- Drive defensively, be patient.
- Wear proper riding gear that is visible to motorists.
- Keep your bike road ready.
- Although not required in all states, wearing a helmet does save lives.

#### Kaution Korner

- Gene reviewed his Kaution Korner article in in the Roar about riding in the rain. Make sure you have the right gear – waterproof clothing, boots, and gloves and highly visible to others. Slow down and keep an eye out for slippery areas of the road. Make sure your tires are relatively new or not worn and have the proper tire pressure. If lightning is present, get off the road immediately and take cover until the storm passes. And

avoid hail at all costs! Read his entire article for helpful hints in the May issue of ROAR.

- Greg will provide the Kaution Korner article for June about helmets.

### Membership: Ted Makarewicz (absent)

- No new inquiries.

### Activities: Greg Smith

#### Recent Activities:

- April 26 - WSHD Open House (Gene). The TC table was set up to promote the club and the upcoming Charity Ride. A good size crowd attended the event.
- April 27 – Kick Off Ride (Michael). The riding season was kicked off with a short ride to Crandell's Restaurant in Hebron for brunch. Nine members attended.

#### Future Activities:

- May 10 – Bike Blessing (Don). Meeting at American Legion Post 911 for their annual Bike Blessing at St. Peters Church in Volo. Registration is \$10. We will meet for lunch on our own. Please RSVP to Don.
- May 31 – Double Clutch Ride (Gene). Lunch ride to Double Clutch Brewery in Evanston.
- June 14 – Ride for Dreams (Mary). Save the date.
- June 21 – Rock River Ride (Greg). More details to follow.
- July 13 – Continental Gardens (Mary). Will be stopping in Janesville at Prime Quarter steakhouse after.
- July 19 – Coop's BBQ (Don). Ride out to Belvidere for lunch at Coop's.
- July 26 – Pierogi Fest (Ted). Whiting, IN. More details to follow.
- July 28-August 5 – Sturgis (Bard & Wayne). Three rooms left. Sign up now!
- August 5-10 – Front Range Ride (Wayne). Will have pick your ride every day.
- August 23 – Bob's Bitchin BBQ (Gene) Details to follow.
- September 13-14 – Ooh Ooh Kalamazoo (Ted). Overnight ride. Details to follow.
- September 26-30 – Lake Superior Waterfalls (Mary). 4-day trip making stops along the way. Details to follow.

- December 7 – Toys for Tots Ride.

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## Board Meeting Minutes May 13th, 2025

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 Bozena and Greg.
- The July Board Meeting will be canceled, and the August General Meeting will be canceled, or the date will be adjusted later.
- Top Cats will be celebrating 30 years next year so need to keep thinking about what to do to celebrate. Picnic, patches, pins . . . need some ideas.
- 2025/2026 Banquet – We are waiting on a new menu/price list from Emmett's before we will make a decision. Hopefully, next month.

### Vice President – Bozena Haszlkiewicz (Absent)

- No report.

### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Asked whether we have submitted Tax Form 990 for tax-exempt organization. Ted and Gene will take care of this.

### Treasurer: Don DeLardo

- No transactions in either the main or charity accounts this month. We do have to pay insurance out of the main account. Keep in mind if thinking about patches or pins for the 30th anniversary, we might have to raise membership dues next year. The amount hasn't changed in years.

### Activities: Greg Smith (Absent)

#### Past Events:

- April 26 – WSHD Open House. Good turnout. Save the Date cards for the Charity ride were put on bikes in the parking lot.
- April 27 - Kick-Off Ride. Good start to the season with some people riding and others in cars for brunch at Crandell's.
- May 10 – St. Charles Motorcycle Museum, Bike Blessing (Don). Great day, weather-wise, but not a good turnout by TC's. Had more Rolling Thunder people than Top Cats. Don noticed that the American Legion Post 911 may need a GRASS Class. Hand signals and formation could use some work.

#### Future Events:

- May 31 – Double Clutch Ride (Gene). Ride to the Double Clutch Brewery in Evanston.
- June 14 – Ride for Dreams Charity Ride. Everyone should be there!
- June 21 – Rock River Ride (Greg) (was changed from 6-7)

- July 13 – Continental Gardens (Mary). Two hours up to WI, stay for an hour and then head to Prime Quarter for dinner at 4:00 in Janesville.
- July 19 – Coop's BBQ (Don) – Cancelling for now – will find another date.
- July 26 – Pierogi Fest in Whiting, IN (Ted). Bring plastic bags to carry all your pierogi's.
- July 28-August 4 – Sturgis (Wayne & Bard). Bard had knee surgery so don't know if he will be riding. No reserved parking for Top Cats at Alex Johnson this year, but there is plenty of parking for motorcycles.
- August 5-10 – Front Range Ride (Wayne). Working on day trips.

### Safety/RC: Mike Bradbury

- Need to review the annual requirement for Road Captains. Should have a chart to show where we are with rides so all get an opportunity to lead one. Mike will update. He's happy we've had some GRASS classes already for the year.
- The Safety topic at the June General Meeting will be distracted drivers.
- Would like to mentor some new Road Captains. Andy and Bill F. would be some good candidates. Andy could do a leg on the FRR and Bill could do a ride to the Crud Run.

### Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz

- Haven't seen our newest member, Mark Krush at any activities or meetings yet. Nudge him?
- Ted and Gene could visit the disbanded HOG chapter and invite them to our meetings and Charity ride. Could offer a reduced membership to join.
- Need to talk about raising membership dues in September.

### Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- Volo and WSHD are ready for the day. Mary has scheduled a final meeting to run through everything to make sure all is covered. Meet at Alley 64 at 6:00 pm before the General Meeting on June 3.

### Secretary: Jane Smith

No comments.

Meeting adjourned by Gene at 7:51 p.m.



## General Meeting, continued

## Other Activities

- May 25 – Rolling Thunder XXXVII – Mid America Demonstration Parade Ride (Wayne). Meet at James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, 3001 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, 8:30-10:00. Police escorted 54-mle ride ending at Cantigny Park in Wheaton. No entry fee. Rain or shine ride.
- October 5 – Slimey Crud Run (Bill F.). Pine Bluff WI to Leiland, WI.

## Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- June 14 – Donation boxes are ready to go and will be placed in businesses to collect donations. Those taking boxes are responsible for checking periodically to remove any money in them. All boxes were claimed at the meeting. Business cards and flyers were passed out to everyone to distribute around wherever you go. Jim and Mara will put up directional signs for the day of the ride. Mary has contacted Starbucks for donations.

## Products: Ted Makarewicz (absent)

- Top Cats merch is available. Also look at the Land's End website to order directly from them.

50/50 Raffle: Andy Haszlakiewicz  
No raffle tonight.

Meeting was adjourned by Gene at 8:08 p.m.



## June Birthdays and Anniversaries!

10 Joey Rizzo  
25 Bard Board

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities  
for June!

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

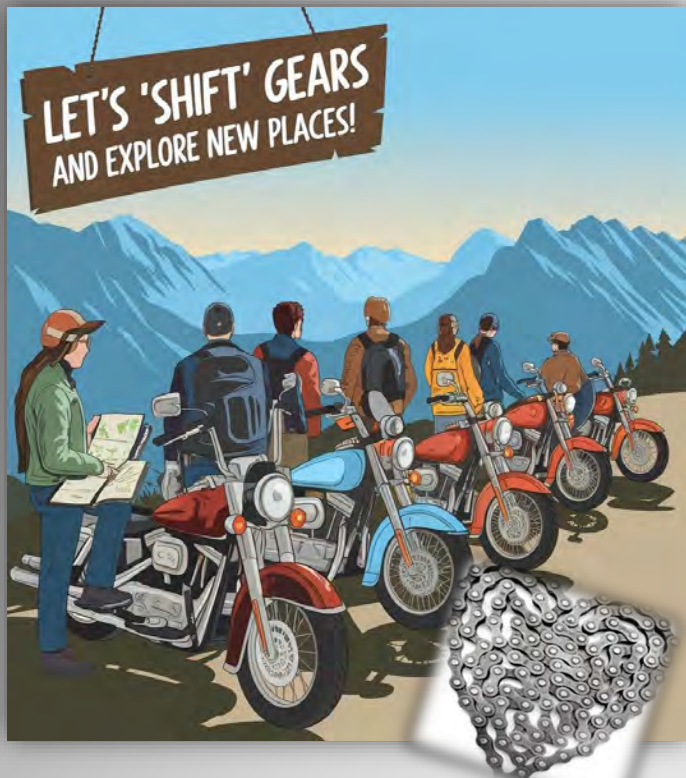
10 Mike and Kathie  
Bradbury

(That's all we know! Tell us if  
we're wrong!)



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word out that you have stuff to  
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Contact: **Mike Witt**

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opportunities because of the  
NISRA staff...  
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help them?





## RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Saturday, May 31st	Double Clutch Lunch Ride	Casey's Buffalo Grove	Double Clutch Brewery, Evanston	9:45 am	Rigsby
Tuesday, June 3rd	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, June 10th	Board Meeting	Zoom		7:00 pm	Rigsby
Sunday, June 14th	Ride for Dreams Charity Ride!	Woodstock Harley Davidson	Volo Auto Museum	8:00 am	M Kirkpatrick
Tuesday, July 1st	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 PM	Rigsby
Tuesday, July 8th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 PM	Rigsby
Sunday July 13th	Continental Gardens and Prime Quarter	Woodstock HD	Rockford/Janesville	10:00 AM	M Kirkpatrick
Tuesday July 29th	Start out for Sturgis	BP at 12 and 176	Sturgis	8:00 AM	Boand

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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**Location and Hours**  
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Barrington, IL 60010

847-382-1300  
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