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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 4 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 BOARD MEETING
- 22 NISRA FASHION SHOW

DECEMBER

- 2 GENERAL MEETING
- 9 BOARD MEETING

Talk to Greg Smith and Jim Wiseman and get your ideas on the calendar!



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Thankful for
freedom, open roads, two wheels,
family & friends!



PRESIDENT'S POINT

And Now a Word from your President...



Hello, Top Cats!

I hope you and yours are doing well and getting ready for the holiday season. Fall has fallen along with the temperatures so it makes it a bit tougher to get out for a ride, but we have been fortunate that the temps have dropped too low, yet... So you can still get out if you can.

Activities from October...

Oct 11) Bob's Bitchin' Bar-B-Q - Rigsby. We had a nice scenic ride out to Bob's for a great lunch. The weather turned out good and the roads were clear. And I know you're wondering.. Well, the BBQ was actually Bitchin'. But the people were very nice.

Activities for November...

Nov 22) NISRA Holiday Fashion Show Luncheon - Wiesman. Join your fellow Top Cats and have fun supporting our favorite charity, the Northern IL Special Recreation Association (NISRA). Tickets available to purchase online at www.nisra.org. A table has been reserved for club members and their guests.

Preview for December...

Dec 7) Ted's Toys for Tots - Ted. Ted is arranging a ride point in Chicago for all to meet and eventually merge into the parade and ultimately ending at the Lane High School parking lot to drop off toys. If you are a brave soul, you could ride from the parade route starting point and meet us... If you didn't know the route actually starts at 83rd and Western Ave in Chicago and is about 15 miles long.

NOTICE:

Elections are coming at the December meeting. Please review the candidate list (will be sent in a blast) and vote for who you feel will provide the best benefit to our club. Keep in mind we need folks like you from the club, to step up as a volunteer to be a director or for a committee member to keep our club legally compliant and viable in our community and for each other. Our club is approaching 30 years which is something to be proud of, so be part of it now and into the future.

SAVE THE DATE(S) NOW:

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

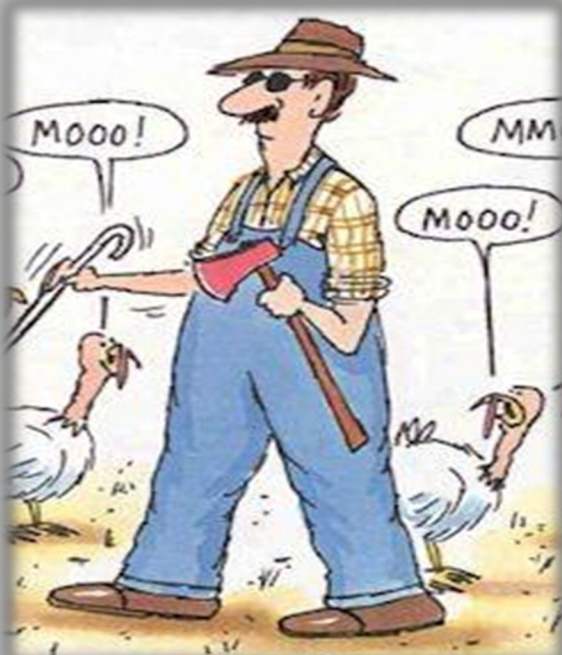
SAVE THE CLUB ACTIVITY DATES FIRST!

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.

NOTICE: With all the travel, we will not have a July board meeting, nor an August general and board meeting. Update your calendar(s)

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

Recognizing the challenges faced by Older Motorcycle Riders!

By: Michael Bradbury, Senior Road Captain and Safety Director



For many motorcyclists, riding is a lifelong passion. As we riders age, however, we face increasing challenges to riding our motorcycle. Understanding these physical challenges and proactively addressing them can help aging riders stay safe. Here, we'll take a look at those challenges faced by older motorcycle enthusiasts to help you, hopefully, stay safer on the roads.

More safety concerns exist for the aging motorcyclists than younger ones. Riding beyond our growing limitations can prove serious or even fatal. Aged riders is defined as a motorcyclists 40 years old or older and the average age of motorcycle fatalities in the United States is 43 years old. Motorcyclists over the age of 40 are the most likely to die in a motorcycle accident, accounting for more than half of all motorcycle fatalities.

Aging brings natural physical changes that can impact motorcycle riding. Reduced strength, flexibility, vision, hearing, reflexes, and stamina are common as we get older. As a result, activities like riding our motorcycles that were once easy become more difficult and hazardous on our motorcycles.

For motorcycle riders, **diminished vision** can make it harder to spot road hazards and read signs. **Hearing loss** may prevent riders from noticing important sounds like emergency sirens. **Reflexes and reaction times** become slower, which can make it harder to respond quickly to changing road conditions. **Reduced strength and flexibility** can affect their control of the motorcycle. Older riders may struggle with tasks like lifting a heavy bike, looking over their shoulder, or braking hard in an emergency stop. These are some of the areas of particular concern for aging motorcyclists.

Vision

Aging causes eyesight changes like experiencing eye floaters which are small specks, threads, or clumps that drift across your vision. Cataract replacements are common now which can lead to a reduced ability to read. With glasses with a progressive prescription, you may still be able to see far but not be able to read your instruments. Night riding can become dangerous. Your pupils get smaller and your retinas change both affecting your ability to see at night. With slower reaction times and impaired

vision an aged rider can find night riding especially dangerous

Reaction and Reflexes get impaired as we age. Reaction times grow and reflexes slow more and more. In road situations where fast actions are needed, you may not react quickly enough to avoid collisions and other unsafe situations.

Older motorcyclists have slower reaction times and are more vulnerable to everyday riding worries like overheating, dehydration, and variability of blood sugar. All these factors together mean that even though older motorcyclists are generally much more careful than young people, they're also prone to encountering potential limitations and vulnerabilities as they age,

Physical Changes

Decreased vision, hearing and body strength are common changes. Stamina and growing periods of fatigue can make riding more hazardous. Worsening balance can happen too. Chronic conditions like arthritis, back pain, and neuropathy can hamper riding abilities. Medications taken for these and other age-related conditions may cause side effects like drowsiness, dizziness, or blurred vision that impair riding safety.

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As we age, our bodies can develop other physical conditions requiring medication. High blood pressure and cholesterol, heart conditions, diabetes and other issues that need constant monitoring and medications to manage will affect your riding. Always consult with and follow your doctor's recommendations and follow them.

All these factors together mean that even though older motorcyclists are generally much more careful than young people, they're also face more challenges to riding as they age. There is no reason that, with care, caution and adjustments, we can keep on keeping on and continue riding well into our senior years.

Oil Spots

By Traveler



A few Storage Tips



To properly store a motorcycle for winter, first wash and clean it, then change the oil and fill the gas tank with a fuel stabilizer. Next, maintain the battery with a battery tender and lift the

bike on stands to keep the tires off the ground. Finally, cover the motorcycle with a breathable cover and plug any openings like the exhaust to protect it from the elements and pests.

Pre-storage preparation

- Clean the motorcycle: Wash and dry your bike thoroughly to remove dirt, grime, and road salt that can cause corrosion.
- Change the oil: Perform an oil and filter change before storing it to prevent contaminants from damaging the engine during the off-season. Ideally change the transmission and primary case oil also.
- Lubricate: Apply lubricant to the chain and cables to prevent rust.
- Prepare the fuel system: Fill the gas tank completely with fresh fuel, and add a fuel stabilizer to prevent the fuel from degrading and gumming up the system.

Storage setup

- Position the motorcycle: Use front and rear stands (paddock stands are ideal) to lift both wheels off the ground. This prevents flat spots from developing on the tires.
- Maintain the battery: Connect the battery to a battery tender or trickle charger to maintain its charge over the winter.
- Protect against pests: Plug the exhaust pipe and any open air intakes with plastic or rags to keep insects and rodents out.
- Cover the motorcycle: Once everything else is done,

cover the bike with a breathable motorcycle cover. A quality cover will protect the finish and prevent dust buildup without trapping moisture.

Storage location

- Indoor is best: Store the motorcycle in a dry, climate-controlled area like a heated garage if possible. Next best option is the master, or spare, bedroom. Storing it there makes it easier to keep an eye on it. You might have to use some kind of room freshener due to gas fumes. If your significant other complains, you may have a tough decision to make.
- Unheated is acceptable: If a heated space isn't available, an unheated garage or a storage shed is better than storing it outdoors.
- Outdoor storage: If you must store it outside, use the best quality, waterproof, and breathable cover you can find and place it in a sheltered location.

Harley-Davidson To Launch A New Affordable Entry-Level Bike



Harley-Davidson appears to be stepping into a more affordable and beginner-friendly segment. The company is set to launch a new **entry-level bike** designed for riders who want the Harley experience without spending a fortune. With a **750cc engine**, good mileage, and a surprisingly low price, this bike could attract a whole new generation of riders.

A 750cc Engine for Smooth and Powerful Rides

The new bike comes with a **750cc engine**, which is perfect for entry-level riders. It provides enough power to enjoy open roads while remaining easy to handle for beginners. The engine strikes a balance between excitement and control, making it suitable for city rides as well as longer weekend trips.

Fuel Efficiency That Makes Sense

One of the most impressive features of this bike is its fuel efficiency. With an expected **mileage of around 21 MPG /35 kilometers per liter**, it is both economical and practical. Riders can enjoy long rides without worrying too much about fuel costs, making it an ideal choice for daily commuting or leisure trips.

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Affordable Price for New Riders

Perhaps the biggest surprise is the **price**. Harley plans to offer this bike at around **\$4,500**, which is very low for any Harley. This makes it accessible for young riders, beginners, or anyone who has admired Harley motorcycles but thought they were out of reach.

Modern Features and Comfort

Despite being an entry-level bike, it comes with modern features. The design is sleek and stylish, staying true to Harley-Davidson's iconic look. The ergonomics are designed for comfort, with a seat and riding position that suit both short trips and longer journeys. Riders can expect a bike that is practical, reliable, and fun to ride.

Availability

The new entry-level Harley-Davidson bike is expected to be launched soon. While the exact release date is not confirmed, those interested can keep an eye on Harley-Davidson's official announcements and dealerships to be among the first to book this exciting new model.

This new Harley-Davidson entry-level bike looks like a perfect combination of **power, style, comfort, and affordability**. It could open the doors of the Harley world to many new riders who have been waiting for a bike that is easy to ride, economical, and fun.

Helmet Anyone?



In Illinois riding with a helmet, or without, is your decision to make. But, as you ride out of state you may not have that choice. If you are going on a longer trip check to see what the helmet laws are in the states you will travel through. Almost all foreign countries require a helmet. If you will be required to have a helmet think about what will suit you best when you make a purchase.

As of a May 2025 update, 17 states and the District of Columbia have mandatory helmet laws for all riders, including Alabama, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia. The remaining states have partial laws, typically requiring hel-

met only for riders under a specific age, while three states—Illinois, Iowa, and New Hampshire—have no helmet requirements at all.

Buying a Motorcycle Helmet



Shopping for a motorcycle helmet can be a daunting task. With so many options and ratings information out there, it can be hard to know where to start. Maybe the following guide might help make your search easier.

Motorcycle Helmet Types

There are three common categories of motorcycle helmets. Picking the one with the most protection will keep you the safest on the road.

- Half helmets offer the lowest amount of protection. Your face will be fully exposed. Only the most experienced riders should even consider this option.
- Open helmets provide a middle ground of protection. They cover your ears, part of your jaw, and sometimes offer a visor as well. This choice is also best left to the most experienced riders.
- Full-face helmets cover the largest amount of your face and also offer durable face shields. These helmets will be heavier, but you can find models with plenty of padding to ensure wearing them is comfortable.

Helmet Ratings

The various tests are hoping to measure a few different traits. Impact looks at how well the helmet absorbs shock. Penetration looks at how it handles hitting a sharp object. Retention relates to how well the chin strap stays closed. Peripheral vision looks at how well the motorcycle rider can see on both sides.. These features all affect how well the helmet can keep you safe.

Fitting a Motorcycle Helmet

When you are in the store, you can run through various tests to see how well the helmet fits. When you move your head from side to side, it shouldn't wiggle. If you roll your head forward, it shouldn't slide down. Once you wear it for a few minutes, it shouldn't leave behind any redness or soreness. Try on a range of helmets and run these tests to find the best fit for you. Typically, helmet liners will expand as they wear in.

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Oil Spots, continued...

Future Honda Gold Wing Reveal?



Honda Gold Wing: When you hear the name *Gold Wing*, you probably think of comfort, reliability, and long open high-

ways. The Honda Gold Wing marks a special milestone — 51 years since this legendary touring motorcycle first hit the road.

Honda has taken everything that made the Gold Wing famous and made it even better. It still has that signature smooth ride, but now it's lighter, more advanced, and packed with smart features that make every journey effortless and enjoyable.

Revolutionary Powertrain

The heart of the Gold Wing is its 1,833cc six-cylinder liquid-cooled engine. This engine isn't about raw aggression — it's about delivering smooth, steady power for mile after mile. Riders love it because it feels powerful but calm, perfect for long-distance touring.

You can choose between a traditional six-speed manual transmission or Honda's advanced dual-clutch automatic (DCT). The DCT lets you ride without worrying about shifting gears — great for city traffic or relaxed highway cruising. There's even a reverse gear to make parking or backing up a breeze.

Honda has also managed to reduce the engine's weight, which improves handling and makes the bike feel more balanced. Less effort, more enjoyment — that's the Gold Wing way.

Advanced Features and Smart Technology

The Gold Wing comes loaded with modern technology designed to make your ride easier and more enjoyable. It now supports wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, so you can connect your phone, play your music, and use navigation without a single cable.

The smart windscreen adjusts automatically and remembers your preferred position. Multiple riding modes let you choose how the bike performs depending on the conditions — from sporty to smooth to efficient.

Another standout feature is its unique double-wishbone front suspension. Instead of the typical fork design, this setup keeps the ride smooth and stable, especially on rough roads or during long hours of riding.

Premium Rider and Passenger Comfort

Comfort has always been the Gold Wing's greatest strength, and the future model continues that tradition. The seats are plush and supportive, and both rider and passengers enjoy excellent ergonomics for long hours on the road. The wind protection is outstanding, keeping you comfortable in all kinds of weather.

The seat height is just right for most riders, and there's plenty of luggage space for long trips. Whether you're heading across town or across the country, this bike makes sure every mile feels effortless.

The special next Anniversary Edition gets unique colors, badges, and even a commemorative kit that celebrates the Gold Wing's incredible history. It's a tribute to half a century of touring excellence.

Key Highlights

The Future Honda Gold Wing is packed with improvements and features that make it one of the most impressive touring motorcycles ever built.

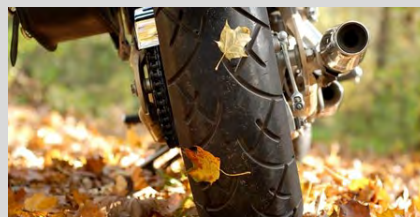
- A smooth and powerful 1,833cc six-cylinder engine
- Choice of manual or automatic dual-clutch transmission
- Wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto
- Adjustable windscreen and multiple ride modes
- Advanced front suspension for superior comfort and handling
- Luxurious comfort for both rider and passenger
- Special 50th Anniversary Edition styling and details

Why It Matters

The Gold Wing proves that a touring motorcycle can be luxurious, powerful, and modern — all at once. It's built for riders who want the freedom of the open road without giving up comfort or technology.

Whether you've been a Gold Wing fan for years or you're discovering it for the first time, the Gold Wing model reminds you why this bike has such a legendary reputation. It's not just a motorcycle; it's a long-distance experience that feels effortless from start to finish.

Autum Riding Reminders



Fall road hazards for motorcycle riders include slippery surfaces from wet leaves and frost, which reduce tire traction. Reduced visibility from shorter daylight hours and leaf

piles is also a major issue, as is the increased presence of wildlife, particularly deer, on the roads. Finally, riders should watch out for hidden road

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Oil Spots, continued...

damage like potholes under leaf piles and construction zones with uneven pavement.

Slippery and icy conditions

- **Wet leaves:** Both wet and dry leaves create a slippery surface. Wet leaves trap water and oil, becoming as slick as ice. Dry leaves can hide what's underneath, like cold pavement, gravel, or "road alligators" (tar snakes).
- **Frost and ice:** Cold nights can lead to morning frost. Patches of black ice are a major risk, especially on bridges and shaded areas.
- **Road sealant:** " Road alligators " or road sealant can be very slick when cold or damp.

Reduced visibility

- **Shorter daylight hours:** Days are shorter, and it gets dark earlier, which increases the risk of accidents.
- **Leaf piles:** Piles of leaves can hide road defects like potholes, sewer grates, or debris. They can also ignite when exposed to a hot exhaust pipe.

Wildlife

- **Animal activity:** Fall is a peak season for animal activity, especially deer. Be extra vigilant, especially in rural areas.

Other road hazards

- **Potholes and uneven surfaces:** Leaf piles can conceal potholes and other pavement damage.
- **Gravel and debris:** Loose gravel or other debris on the road, particularly in farm areas, can cause a loss of traction
- **Increased traffic:** Holiday shopping and gatherings can lead to more traffic on the roads.

How to stay safe

- **Adjust speed:** Slow down and increase your following distance, especially on potentially hazardous roads.
- **Look ahead:** Scan the road well in advance for hazards.
- **Smooth inputs:** Avoid sudden braking or turning, particularly on wet leaves.
- **Be prepared:** Wear bright clothing to be more visible, and be prepared for fluctuating temperatures.
- **Perform maintenance:** Ensure your motorcycle's brakes and lights are in good working order.

Friendly Fire?

As if we don't have enough road hazards to worry about....Recently, Vice President JD Vance found himself ducking for cover as a shell prematurely exploded over his motorcade, sending shrapnel toward the CHP motorcycle cops tasked to escort him.

According to the *New York Times*, "A 155-millimeter shell fired during a live-fire demonstration for the 250th anni-

versary of the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton on Saturday prematurely detonated, dropping fragments of the shell on a California Highway Patrol vehicle and motorcycle that were part of Vice President JD Vance's protective detail, according to a patrol report. No officers were hurt in the mishap, which dropped shrapnel onto the vehicles parked on a ramp to a major freeway that had been ordered closed by Gov. Gavin Newsom."

CHP then closed a 17-mile stretch of the highway to assess for damage and clean up the debris. Having lived in the area for a long time, California's notoriously bad traffic had to be apocalyptic after this.

The shell was fired by an M777 Howitzer, which is a towable artillery canon, and was part of a demonstration of "larger exercise[s] marking the Corps' 250th anniversary, attended by Mr. Vance and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth." The *Times* reports that Governor Newsom had originally objected to the plan to fire over the freeway it puts civilians in the line of fire.

Speaking to the outlet, Lt. Col. Lindsay Pirek, a spokeswoman for the First Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, stated, "We are committed to determining the incident's root cause and applying findings to future missions." The demonstration was quickly halted after the premature detonation, and again, thankfully, no one was injured.

Happy Thanksgiving, All! Hope your day is filled with all that you are thankful for today!





General Membership Meeting Minutes October 7th, 2025

Respectfully Submitted
by: Jane Smith

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

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

Guests - None

Announcements – Birthdays/Anniversaries

- October 1 – Juergen Lutz
- October 2 – Tom Malia
- October 11 – Bozena Haszlakiewicz
- October 18 – Bozena & Andy Haszlakiewicz 50th Anniversary
- October 30 – Gene Rigsby

Vice President: Bozena Haszlakiewicz

- Bozena read an article written by Wayne from a 1997 ROAR about a trip the club did to the Holland, MI tulip festival

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne reported there doesn't seem to be many changes being done to the recently Ozzie-owned HD dealerships. Woodstock name will remain unchanged. Jeff Ellis, who was the Finance Manager is now the General Manager. Not sure they will keep the riding school.

Safety: Mike Bradbury

- Kaution Korner
Gene reviewed his article in the ROAR about various lighting options for your bike - headlights, tail-lights, custom lights. Make sure you are well seen by other motorists but be sure the lights are street legal. Also make sure you are within limits of how much draw you are taking from the system. Check out his complete article in the October ROAR.
- A video with Kevin from MC Rider.com was shown at the meeting. The video talked about even though we may have a lot of riding experience, as we age, we should be aware of slower reaction time. Maintain your skills by taking training classes and increase your following distance.

Road Captains

- Andy Haszlakiewicz was presented a Road Captain patch and joins our team of road captains.

Membership and Products: Ted Makarewicz

- New members who had not received their full new member packets were presented with a flag, club pin, patch, and hat.
- Black bandanas are available for sale to anyone wanting one.

- A blast was sent out regarding club merchandise available on the Land's End website and how to order.

Activities: Greg Smith

Recent Activities:

- September 24-28 – Lake Superior Waterfalls (Mary). Beautiful 4-day trip making stops along the way to hike to various waterfalls and other attractions. Met Rigsbys and Smiths at St. Brennan's Irish Inn and Pub in Green Bay for dinner Saturday night. Great weather and lots of fun. Unfortunately, George Rabb broke down and had to cut the ride short and transport his bike home to Michigan for repair.

Future Activities:

- October 11 – Bob's Bitchin BBQ (Gene). Leisurely ride to Dodgeville, WI for lunch at the restaurant.
- November 22 – NISRA Fashion Show (Jim W and Mary). Annual NISRA event held at Crystal Lake Holiday Inn featuring raffle baskets, themed Christmas trees with gifts included valued at \$2,500 each, and a NISRA participant fashion show. Top Cats have reserved a table for anyone interested in going.

Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- Nothing for now. Will start planning in a few months.

50/50 Raffle: Andy Haszlakiewicz

- Collected \$90.00. Raffle won by Joey Rizzo (\$45.00).

Meeting was adjourned by Gene at 8:11 p.m.





Board Meeting Minutes October 14th, 2025

Respectfully Submitted
by: Mary Kirkpatrick for
Jane Smith

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. via Zoom. All Board members were present.

Vice President: Bozena Haszlkiewicz

- The 30-year anniversary of Top Cats is 5/2/26. Will quarry the club members for some ideas for celebrating. Suggestion was made to replace the current 25-year patch with a new 30-year patch. Wayne suggested a Roman type of wreath (leaves) around the "30." Wayne will send his wreath idea to Shawn to do a mark up.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Wayne will put together the slate for elections. All incumbents will continue to serve for 2026 except for the Treasurer.

Treasurer: Don DeLordo

- Wayne reported that after talking with management at WSHD, they are trying to recreate an atmosphere of how the dealership was before. They are anxious to work with us and our activities there.

Treasurer: Don DeLordo

- Don reviewed the account ledgers for the General and Charity accounts.
- Have already received some dues for 2026 membership.
- Have received donations from members for NISRA.

Activities: Greg Smith

Past Events:

- October 11 – Bob's Bitchin BBQ (Gene). Weather good and nice ride to Dodgeville. Wished we had more riders attending.

Future Events:

- November 22 – NISRA Lunch and Fashion Show. We have reserved a table for Top Cats. Tickets are \$75. Reserve tickets soon if interested.
- December 7 - Toys 4 Tots. Traditionally we meet for breakfast and then travel to parade route (in Chicago) and drop off our toys. McHenry County also has a Toys 4 Tots in Oct/Nov. Wayne will check on the date.
- February 15 – 2026 Awards Banquet to be held at Emmett's in Palatine. However, Greg is looking into another possibility. Greg will meet with them next week to compare prices and menu since Emmett's prices have gone up significantly.
- We need some activity ideas for the winter months to keep us all in contact with each other. Suggestion was made to meet at the H-D Museum in Milwaukee for lunch and tour.

Safety/RC: Mike Bradbury

- Will schedule a GRASS class for March 1, 2026 at the Keller Williams office in Barrington.
- Seasonal safety tips will be given at the General meetings. Mike will put together a schedule for each month.
- Will have to have Road Captains do more than 1 ride a season since we don't have as many RC's as in the past.
- Had a discussion about motorcycle license renewal and driving tests as information received is unclear.

Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz

- Ted reported that the inventory of hats and flags is low for including in new member packets. It was suggested we include instructions on how members can order (nicer) hats on their own and not include hats in the packets.
- Suggested that information on how to order TC merchandise from Land's End website be included in the ROAR or a blast periodically.

Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- November 22 is the date for the NISRA Fashion Show. Two spots are available at TC table.

Secretary: Jane Smith

- No comments.

Meeting adjourned by Gene at 8:09 p.m.



May your Thanksgiving be
filled with lots of Memory-
making Traditions



Top Cat's Elections!

By: Traveler

Remember, we will hold our annual elections at our 2 December 2025 general meeting.

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

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

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

Come to our 2 December meeting prepared to vote and congratulate our new Board for 2026.





Ride Safe and Vote, Vote, Vote!

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

Nominations will be accepted up to 1 November. The Board of Directors will approve the slate on 12 November. **Voting will occur at our 3 December General Meeting.** For the 2025 - 2026 term, consistent with our By Laws, we have the following positions open for a two – year term.

Vice President (2026-27):

Current Nominee Bozenna Haszlakiewicz

Treasurer: (2026-27):

Secretary: (2026-27):

Current Nominee: Jane smith

Director, Membership (2026-27):

Current Nominee - Mike Bradbury

Director, Activities (2026-27):

Current Nominee - Mary Kirkpatrick

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

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

Our candidates have demonstrated the passion and the leadership to continue to take Top Cats forward into the next two riding seasons. Following elections, please congratulate our new Board members.



Gift-giving? Some Ideas to Explore!

Moto Coffee has much more than coffee! The site is organized by price.. And has some great ideas—for the rider who has everything!

[Best Gift Ideas for Motorcycle Riders \(2024\) – Moto Coffee](#)

Harley Davidson is always a sure bet for finding a gift that will be a big hit!

[Motorcycle Gifts for Him | Harley-Davidson USA](#)

This is why I'm broke... how true! This site has some different suggestions.

[25 Badass Gifts For Motorcycle Riders That'll Really Get Their Engines Revving \(thisiswhyimbroke.com\)](#)

It's always fun to spend money... but even more fun when you can find that 'perfect' gift! Hope this helps get you started on a joyous holiday season!



November Birthdays and Anniversaries!

1 Jim Wiseman
2 Bill Fulton
5 Mike Bradbury
7 Andy Hay
8 Patrick Thielan
16 Mark Sullivan

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities for November!

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



Any Anniversaries?
Let us know!

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

GREAT DEALS!

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





TOP CATS BUSINESS MART

BUSINESSES OWNED AND/OR MANAGED BY TOP CATS MEMBERS

HEY! Are you looking to add to your wardrobe? Want to put on something that lets others know that you are a rider? Want to make new friends when they ask you, "What is Top Cats"?

Well, then... talk to a board member, get the link and go to Lands End... Then access our store front and select several types of items that are setup for you to purchase with our logo. Our online ordering system allows you to order products embroidered with our logo at any time, a large selection of products and the ability to pick what you want and directly pay for it! The online ordering process is pretty simple; select a product with size and then add our logo to your purchase!



*Network with your fellow
Riders here...*

And Be Thankful!



Support the TOP CATS Patrons



Woodstock HD and Staff Support

Membership Has Its Privileges!

GRASS Classes are held at the Keller -Williams Offices!

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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, November 4th	General Meting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 PM	Rigsby
Tuesday, November 11th	Board Meting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 PM	Rigsby
Saturday, November 22nd	NISRA Fashion Show	Crystal Lake	Holiday Inn Crystal Lake	10:00 AM	M. Kirkpatrick
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