



# ROAR

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The Pick-Up Picnic Ride!  
 We are able to Post Ride Pictures!  
 Yes! We are Riding! (and Eating!)



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### Upcoming Events

#### JUNE

- 4 GENERAL MEETING
- 8 JONNY PAMCAKES
- 9 RIDE ROCK RUMBLE!
- 11 BOARD MEETING
- 24 ADLER, 24

#### JULY

- 5 CANCELED GENERAL MEETING
- 12 BOARD MEETING
- 29 STURGIS

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





# ROAR

## PRESIDENT'S POINT

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



Hello, Top Cats!

I hope you and your families are all well.

Noelle and I have been fortunate to, up until now, escape to cicada brud (knock on my wooden head...). I hope the same for you and your families. I know some folks that are getting hit hard, to the point they cannot hear most anything but cicadas outside their house. 6 more weeks...

Last month I ranted a bit about not seeing many activities on our calendar. This is still mostly true as more has been added but we still need more. So get talking to your road captains and **ask them what are they waiting for... It works...** Recently, someone asked **Mike Bradbury** if he was planning to get back out to Trempealeau. **Guess what? He is looking into if possible for July...** Keep your eyes open...

This month, I want to rant a bit about getting our club membership level up. **We need more members.** As you can imagine (or if not, ask me for an example) It is difficult to do all the things we do in operating **OUR (your's and mine)** club with the limited number of people we have that DO help. This is not a sustainable model and can jeopardize the future of **OUR** Club.

Consider speaking to people you know who may ride, about joining. Maybe folks you meet at a motorcycling event, or related place. Or even places that may attract people who ride, like an auto related event. All you need to do is direct them to our website and tell them to use the contact link if they want to know more. Just ask... you never know....

In the meantime, let's not forget about all the work that needs to get done... Ask if you can help.. That would be great, even if you can only do a little... it would be greatly appreciated

**"Many hands make light work"**

#### Activities from May...

**May 18)** Progressive pickup picnic ride - What excellent weather we had. It was awesome. It was so nice, we passed on the campfire and opted to hang out in the shade. Thanks to all that made it part of their weekend.

**May 25)** Ride, Rock, Rumble route pre-ride. We had a good size group, which Mike led out on the R3 route which was great. We ended up at Buddyz in McHenry for lunch al fresco ~ A perfect day for eating out!!

#### Activities for June...

**June 8)** Lunch at Johnny Pancakes: And maybe a stop at Kegel's HD if the group would like. I tried to get out to this place earlier this year, but here we are... Let's not dwell. Anyway, lets try again..

**June 9)** Ride, Rock, Rumble 2024: **This is it...!! All Top Cats should be planning to attend.** This is our event. BE THERE!!

**June 24)** Adler '24 with Rolling Thunder: We are heading out to Germany to ride to the Alps in Bavaria with Rolling Thunder. Our Top Cat member (and Rolling Thunder member) Juergen Lutz has been working very hard with the team here and more so with making arrangements in Germany. Lots of work... **Thank you my Brother.** We will celebrate together very soon. **Prost!**

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

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

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

Feel free to reach out to me anytime via my email: [gene.rigsby@gmail.com](mailto:gene.rigsby@gmail.com), or phone, 847-770-9425.

Looking forward to seeing you there....

Gene "Lucky" Rigsby







## KAUTION KORNER

### Blind Spots..

By: Wayne 'Traveler' Kirkpatrick  
Sr. Road Captain and Past President of Top Cats  
Illinois!



Blind spots are death zones. All vehicles have blind spots which is an area that cannot be seen in a vehicle's mirrors. Typically, the larger the vehicle, the larger the blind spots. It is good practice when riding to assume that drivers will not check their blind spots. Failure to clear blind spots, accounts for too many motor vehicle accidents.

As a motorcyclist you don't want to be riding in a vehicle's blind spot as you become invisible to that driver. This is obviously unavoidable in some situations, but when you have the opportunity...move out from a vehicle's blind quickly!



The blind spots on a motorcycle will vary depending on the make, model and type of motorcycle and the type of mirrors used. Some motorcyclists may have blind spot mirrors fitted to aid in reducing the blind area. In general most motorcycles will have blind spots to the

A car's blind spots vary due to make, model and type of mirrors used. Look at the picture here with the yellow car, the red shaded area indicates the most dangerous area to travel in.



sides and rear as indicated by the red shaded areas in this picture.

A combination of mirror checks and physically looking at the blind spot should always be done before executing any maneuver.

Checking the blind spot also requires looking behind, which in itself is hazardous if you don't clear the highway ahead first.

Experienced riders will always check their blind spots before:

- ♦ moving off from a stationary position
- ♦ making left or right turns
- ♦ making lane changes
- ♦ overtaking
- ♦ slowing down
- ♦ stopping



Larger vehicles will have larger blind spots. The blue shaded areas signify areas where a semi truck cannot see in their mirrors or cannot see due to the bulk of the vehicle.



If you cannot see the driver, chances are they cannot see you either. Experienced riders keep a good distance from larger vehicles where the driver is less likely to see you, by passing quickly or changing lanes.

Be mindful that in our vision there is a small portion of the visual field of each eye where there are no photo-receptors in the optic disk, and, therefore, there is no image detection in this area. A driver can look, and completely NOT SEE a motorcycle if it lands in this part of the driver's peripheral vision. This is often why we hear "I didn't even see him".

Many newer vehicles have a blind – spot warning system that illuminates a signal on their external mirrors when a vehicle is in their blind spot. Once again, experienced riders will look for that signal when approaching a vehicle as an indicator that they are now in that vehicle's blind spot and move to where they can safely be seen.

We take many precautions to be sure that we are visible to other vehicles. Federal law requires reflectors, some wear bright safety vests, we have hi intensity headlights, turn signals and taillights all of which are totally useless if you are riding in a vehicle's blind spot.

Be conscious of blind spots, stay out of blind spots and the result will be a much higher probability of being seen.

## Oil Spots

By Traveler



### Harley-Davidson Push the Limit Series Season 2

The 2023 MotoAmerica King of The Baggers series came down to the final race of the final round in New Jersey, with Vance & Hines Harley-Davidson rider Hayden Gillim completing a dream double title to go with the MotoAmerica Stock 1000 crown he took earlier in Texas.

It was a dramatic occasion, with the rider everyone expected to be the one taking the title for H-D, Kyle Wyman, having to settle for third in the points behind Gillim and second placed, James Rispoli.

Harley-Davidson documented everything that year, from the first test to the final checkered flag in NJ, and put together a brilliant six chapter, second series on YouTube called *Push The Limit*, all of which you can see right here. <https://youtu.be/uAdIVTJ-mnA>



The series delves into the workings of the very first King of The Baggers Street Glide racer that Gillim used at Laguna Seca in 2020, very much a road bike with bits ripped off it compared to the bagger superbike he's racing now. It's amazing to see how far the engineering has come.

*Push The Limit* highlights mainly the factory team of the brothers Wyman, Kyle and Travis, and the Vance & Hines team of Rispoli and Gillim, but also gives light to the Saddleman team that ran Cory West, Patricia Fernandez, Jake Lewis and Frankie Garcia in what is the biggest outfit in the bagger paddock. The series takes you into the personal lives of each H-D rider, giving an insight into what makes them tick and gives a feeling of cohesiveness between the rivals, who all want to win.

This is very much Harley-Davidson's view of how the 2023 King of The Baggers season unfolded, so don't expect any words from their chief rivals Tyler O'Hara and Jeremy McWilliams on the factory Indian Challenger which is Harley's lethal competitor.

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It's a very well-done series but still a great watch to get you up to speed on the Harley-Davidson side of King of The Baggers racing.

## **REMINDER:**

### **Ways to Stay Safe on a Motorcycle**

Consider these motorcycle safety tips to help avoid the risk of accidents and stay safe on the road.

According to the National Safety Council, during 2020, despite the fact that motorcycles represented 3% of all registered vehicles, they accounted for 14% of all vehicle fatalities. That makes it all the more important to do what you can to help keep you and other motorcycle riders safe.

#### **Reminder tips for motorcycle safety and accident prevention**

##### **Gear up**

Wear long pants and sleeves made of leather or another thick, protective material, as well as gloves, eye protection and durable boots that cover your ankles. When it gets colder, don't forget to add layers or heavier gear designed for those temperatures.

##### **Be seen**

Help increase your visibility by trying the following: Wear bright colors, add reflective elements to both your clothing and bike, use your headlight (day or night), ride in the section of lane that makes you most visible to motorists, and consider honking if you're not sure a motorist sees you.

##### **Wear a helmet**

Wear a Department of Transportation-approved helmet — preferably light-colored, for maximum visibility. It is important to wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle because in the case of an accident, its use decreases the risk of head injuries by 69%. Replace your motorcycle helmet regularly (a general rule of thumb is every five years) or after a crash.

##### **Be alert**

Texting motorists are a very real danger, so be prepared for sudden lane changes and swerves. Watch for patches of sand, potholes, railroad tracks and other road hazards, as well as fellow motorcyclists.

##### **Beware of intersections**

In 2020, 35% of accidents occurred at intersections. A motorist turning left in front of you is perhaps the most common cause, so be extra cautious when driving through an intersection.

##### **Don't drink or speed**

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and speeding are some of the most common causes for motorcycle accidents in our country. Staying sober and observing the speed limit can help you arrive safely at your destination.

##### **Avoid bad weather**

Study up on safe ways to [ride in the rain](#), wind or whatever type of challenge Mother Nature tends to offer in your particular locale. If rain is in the forecast and you have to ride, pack rain gear to help stay dry and comfortable.

##### **Get educated**

It's a good idea for experienced riders to take refresher courses, too. The MSF offers classes online and in person — some of which could net you an insurance discount.

##### **A heads-up for motorists**

Some collisions with motorcycles might be the car / truckdriver's fault. Remember, motorcyclists have the same rights as other drivers. Check your blind spot, signal your intentions and try to avoid distractions.

It never hurts to ride safe....

### **118th Congress Supports Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month with House Resolution 1179**

Press Release | May 15, 2024

*This is a press release from the MSF...*

Irvine, CA (May 14, 2024) — Warmer temperatures across the country mean more motorcyclists taking to the road. The U.S. House of Representatives, led by Motorcycle Caucus leaders, Congressmen Walberg (MI), Balderson (OH), Burgess (TX), and Norcross (NJ), introduced House Resolution 1179 to raise awareness of motorcyclists and motorcycle safety during May, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

“Resolutions are an important component to keep motorcyclists and motorcycles in the forefront of the minds of policymakers,

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Oil Spots, continued...

riders, and drivers alike,” said Scott Schloegel, Acting President and CEO of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. “The MSF Government Relations Office is in front of lawmakers in Washington and in state legislatures across the country to secure these important resolutions and help educate the people behind them so our needs as riders are considered when they are allocating funds, reviewing regulations, and considering new policies.”

“According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in 2022 – the last year of complete data – motorcycle fatalities were up 1.2 percent,” said Schloegel. “Motorcyclists represented 15 percent of fatalities despite only being 3 percent of the vehicles on roadways. It’s everyone’s responsibility to keep the roadways safe.”

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation offers the following top tips for drivers and motorcyclists so that everyone can stay safe on the roadways.

### For Car and Truck Drivers

- **Actively look for motorcyclists:** Motorcyclists can easily be hidden in blind spots or by other vehicles, bushes, trees, or roadway signs, so use your eyes and mirrors to check all around you before maneuvering into or around traffic.
- **Focus on driving:** Put down the phone; don’t let pets and passengers distract you. Use your turn signals: Signal your intentions. It can help others know what to expect or even alert them to get out of your way if they are in your blind spot.
- **Give two-wheelers some space:** Don’t tailgate or get too close when you are next to riders. Give them space to maneuver and adjust to roadway conditions.

**Keep it in the vehicle:** Don’t throw trash or cigarettes out the window. Make sure cargo is secured so it doesn’t fall onto the road and become a hazard.

### For Motorcycle and Scooter Riders

- **Be visible:** Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet. Always have your headlight on, day and night, and avoid riding in the blind spots of other vehicles. If possible, flash your brake light when slowing and before stopping.
- **But pretend you are invisible:** If you assume others can’t see you, you will tend to ride in a hy-

per-aware mindset and learn to notice every detail in your surroundings. Constantly search for changing conditions using the Search-Evaluate-Execute strategy (SEE) to assess and respond to hazards before you have to react to an emergency.

- **Gear up every ride:** Wear proper riding gear from head to toe. Full-face helmets provide the best protection. Jackets, pants, gloves, and boots specifically made for riding will generally have abrasion-resistant material and extra armor for better protection.
- **Follow the rules of the road:** Riding respectfully — and legally — creates a safer environment for everyone. Unexpected maneuvers could startle or confuse others and cause a crash.

**Before you ride, look over your bike:** Do a pre-ride check, which includes looking over your tires and wheels, checking fluids, cables, your bike’s chassis, lights and electronics, and the stands. Use the T-CLOCS inspection checklist to help.

To help get the word out on safety awareness, images and animations can be downloaded from this link: Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Safety tips, booklets, and other reference materials are available at the Motorcycle Safety Foundation website, msf-usa.org. For those looking to learn to ride, earn their license, or brush up on riding skills, take a hands-on safety class. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation, the country’s leading safety resource and advocate for motorcyclists, offers courses for riders of every experience level. The MSF’s Basic RiderCourse is among the best ways to learn to ride and get licensed.

## [Driver System Regulations Following Tragic Collision](#)



*This is a press release from the AMA*

Pickerington, OH (April 26, 2024) – In the wake of the most recent tragedy

involving a fatal collision between a Tesla vehicle in autopilot mode and a motorcyclist in Washington state, the AMA once again urges the Department of Transportation to strengthen Automated Driving System (ADS) regulations.

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Oil Spots, continued...

The incident, which resulted in the death of the rider, underscores the urgent need for specific regulations that require that both recognition and reaction to motorcycles be fully integrated into crash avoidance and autonomous vehicle (AV) technologies to ensure safety for motorcyclists and drivers.

Since the 1990s, The AMA has engaged with federal agencies, automakers and software developers on the dangers surrounding developing and implementing self-driving technology without adequate consideration of its impact on motorcyclists.

Currently, the government has regulations in place that tells consumers what type of fuel and which engine types they should buy. Yet when it comes to an actual problem that's costing lives, the ongoing epidemic remains ignored, despite the AMA urging action.

In February of 2022, the AMA — along with the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) — sat down to share industry priorities with United States DOT Secretary Buttigieg and department staff. One of the key discussion points during that meeting was the need to ensure that these new automated vehicle and crash avoidance technologies be required to recognize and react appropriately to motorcycles.

Secretary Buttigieg was very receptive to our concerns regarding autonomous vehicles and the potential dangers they pose to motorcyclists. Obviously, the AMA's and the industry's concerns fell on deaf ears.

The most recent testing of these systems by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), just released, indicates only one of the first 10 small SUVs evaluated using their new testing criteria earned a good rating. Four of the tested vehicles either completely failed to provide sufficient warning or gave it too late to avoid a collision.

Many autonomous vehicles on the road today have not been proven to detect all other road users in all situations before they have been allowed to be used on the road. Motorcyclists should not be used as guinea pigs for autonomous vehicle manufacturers. The continued allowance of untested autonomous vehicles on our nation's roadways is unacceptable.

## New Road Kill



The Cicadas are here for a few more weeks! Wearing protective gear can help reduce the risk of being hit by insects while riding a motorcycle.

Protective gear includes:



- Long pants: Such as jeans
- Riding boots: Protect your feet
- Chaps: Protect your skin
- Leather jacket: Protects your body from the weather
- Face shield or goggles: Protect your face from insects, wind, and debris
- Gloves: Protect your hands from bee stings

Wearing the right gear can make bugs nearly unnoticeable. You can also use a motorcycle bug shield to absorb impacts while riding smoothly and comfortably.

If you're hit by a bug in the face while riding, remain calm and gradually slow down. Being distracted and panicking can cause you to lose control and potentially get seriously injured.



Join us on June 9th  
And Let NISRA know





## OUR BIG DAY.... REMEMBERING RIC And his Love of NISRA!

### V.P.'s Vision

A year ago, this column had Ric's words of support for our Annual Charity Ride. It had a new name... *Ride Rock Rumble* and we were looking forward to a successful and memorable day! Unfortunately, we had rain and a very small turnout. But, as always, Ric was upbeat and ready to try again.

We are now looking at our 2nd *Ride Rock Rumble* and our 27th Charity Ride supporting NISRA! If Ric were here, he would be encouraging us all to give our best ~ to do our best to make this a memorable day for our Top Cat Family AND more importantly ~ To give the NISRA family opportunities to make memories of their own!



But, he isn't here... He was such a big part of this event for so many years! We miss him, but to honor him, we have two opportunities in one weekend! On Saturday, June 8th, Gene is leading a ride to Jonny Pancakes in Rockford,

located inside of Keigel HD. We can enjoy a day remembering Ric and then celebrate him again with our NISRA event.... RIDE ROCK RUMBLE!

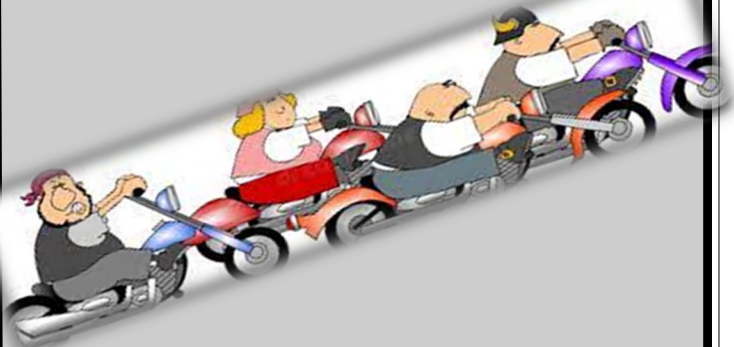
**RIDE ROCK RUMBLE**  
**JUNE 9, 2024**  
 TOP CATS ILLINOIS  
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 National Interscholarship Riders Association

Come out and join us for both events!

# WHEN LIFE THROWS YOU



# A CURVE LEAN INTO IT!







## Celebrating our Helping Hands, and NISRA Families!

Words by: Mary Kirkpatrick



This week will hold our 27th 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 fo 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 at Volo Auto Museum. Music by DJ Bobby Styles ~ who takes requests ~ 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! Make this a memory for our Top Cats Family AND our NISRA Friends!





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

Information from our Website: [TopCats.Org](http://TopCats.Org)

Take a look at some of the opportunities that we have to ride this summer! Check the website for details on our Road Captains and for making reservations!



Pic-Nic Pick-up!  
A Success!  
May 18, 2024



Beautiful Weather and Good Company!  
If you weren't there... you were missed!  
Lets fill the rest of this summer's rides  
with ALL of our faces!

27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

# RIDE ROCK RUMBLE

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**JUNE 9, 2024**



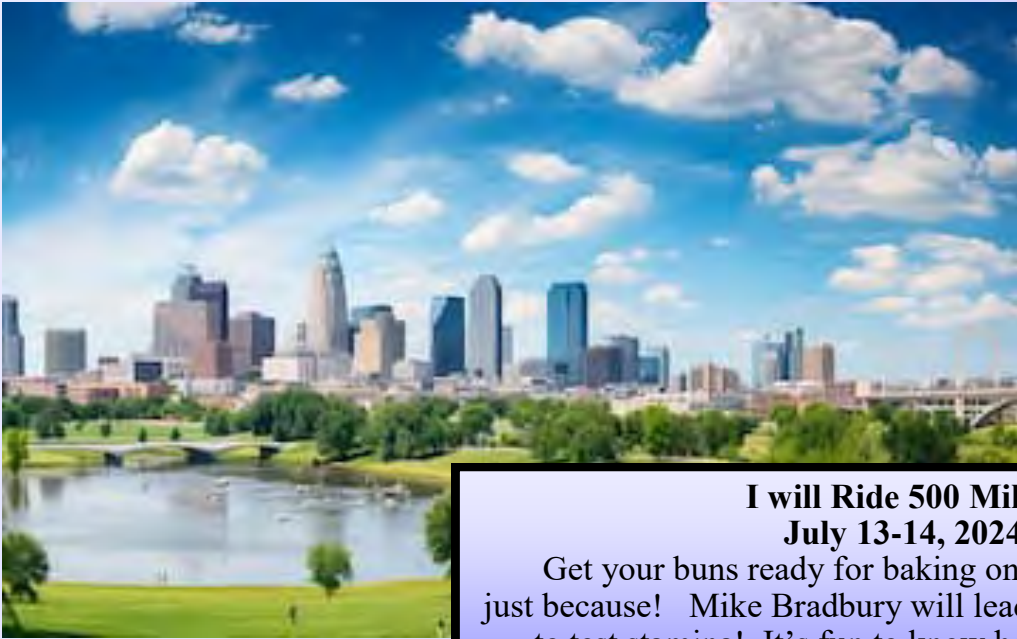
### Ride, Rock and Rumble! June 9th, 2024

Join us for our 26th Annual Charity Ride! Bike Show, VAM, and a *Very Special Cause... NISRA!*

Volo is offering us a great deal on their new family friendly layout! Come, bring the family and help to make this a **REAL SUCCESS!**

DJ Bobby Styles!





## **I will Ride 500 Miles!**

**July 13-14, 2024**

Get your buns ready for baking on a 500 mile run... just because! Mike Bradbury will lead to Omaha, Nebraska to test stamina! It's fun to know how far you can go!

Call Mike - 847.702.6613

## **Sturgis and the Front Range Ride**

July 29th - August 6th

August 6th - August 12th

Talk to Bard Board for the details on the Sturgis Trip

And

Talk to Wayne Kirkptarick for details on the Front Range Ride!





## General Membership Meeting Minutes May 2nd, 2023

Respectfully Submitted  
by: Diana Lanute

### President's Section: Gene Rigsby

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

#### Announcements

#### Birthdays:

- ◆ Stefan Maca (deceased): May 11
- ◆ Daniella Maca: May 22

### Vice President: (Vacant) - No report.

### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ Wayne paraphrased his article in the May ROAR about a discussion that he and Karsten Striewe, a rider from Germany who would come here to ride for several weeks in the early 2000's, had about the origin of motorcycle gangs in the U.S. Karsten referenced a book titled "The Bikeriders" by Danny Lyon that talks about motorcycle clubs/gangs starting in the Chicago area and not in California as Hollywood often portrays. Now the book has been made into a movie and will debut in theaters June 21<sup>st</sup>. See Wayne's article in the ROAR for more information and be sure to check out the book and the movie.

### Safety: Mike Bradbury

- ◆ Accident/Safety Review
- ◆ Greg reviewed his Kaution Korner article in May's ROAR about the importance of checking your tires. He brought in one of his recently replaced tires to point out where to check the tire for specific problems and what the information (numbers) on the tire actually means. Doing a thorough inspection of all surfaces of the tire and checking tire pressure regularly before heading out on a ride is of great importance.
- ◆ Wayne gave a sneak preview of what his June Kaution Korner article would be about – preparing for spare-of-the-moment rides. Do you bring the right clothing, glasses, raingear, etc. with you?
- ◆ Mike spoke about how important it is to carry a NOK (Next of Kin) card as well as your ID. Contacts and medical information are important when minutes count. Cards were passed out to those who needed them.

### Membership: Ted Makarewicz (absent) - No report.

### Activities: Greg Smith/Rick Agrimonti

#### Recent Activities:

- ◆ April 7 – GRASS class at Keller Williams-Barrington. Knights on Bikes also attended.

- ◆ April 20 – Woodstock HD Open House – We had a table set up to promote the club and our upcoming Charity ride.
- ◆ April 21 – Kick off ride (Mike). The weather was a little chilly, but some actually rode the 29-mile ride to Crandell's in Hebron for brunch. Others met there in their cars. Good food and a fun time!

#### Future Activities:

- ◆ May 18 – Progressive Picnic Ride (Gene). Gene will plan a route to pick up everyone at their homes and head to the Rigsby's for a picnic lunch and social time around the campfire. Please RSVP if you plan on attending (whether on bike or in car) so food can be planned accordingly.
- ◆ May 25 – Pre-ride for Road Captains for the upcoming Charity Ride. Pre-ride briefing at 10:15 at Woodstock HD.
- ◆ June 8 – Ric Case Memorial Ride (Last "Rev") with Hog Chapter. This ride has been cancelled. Top Cats will do our own Memorial Ride in September when Ric used to do his yearly memorial ride. Gene will possibly do a ride to Johnny Pancakes in Rockford instead on this date.
- ◆ June 9 – Ride, Rock, Rumble '24. The ride will be from Woodstock HD to Volo Museum. Please support our Charity Ride.
- ◆ June 23 – Adler '24 ride in Germany. Gene has taken on the job of coordinating flight times, hotels, etc. with both Top Cats and Rolling Thunder members.
- ◆ July 13-14 – I Would Ride 500 Miles. Mike has planned a 500-mile ride to Omaha and 500 miles back home. RSVP Mike Bradbury if interested in going.
- ◆ July 29-August 6 - Sturgis Adventure (Bard)– Still time to sign up.
- ◆ August 3 – AHRMA Races at Blackhawk Farms (Gene). More details will follow soon.
- ◆ August 6-12 - Front Range Ride (Wayne) – Can join the group leaving from Sturgis or meet up with the group in Colorado Springs if not going to Sturgis. Trying to plan different routes and attractions than previous years.
- ◆ Watch the calendar for more rides being added.

### Miscellaneous

- ◆ Rick Agrimonti was not at the recent Awards Banquet, so he was presented with the Volunteer of the Year award.

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## Board Meeting Minutes May 9th, 2023

Respectfully Submitted  
by: Gene Rigsby for  
Diana Lanute

### President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- ◆ Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. All Board members were present.

### Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ Open Discussion - Nothing

### Vice President: Open Position

### Treasurer: Don DeLordo

#### Report/Review

- ◆ The Treasurer's reports for the main and charity accounts were reviewed.
- ◆ No 50/50 done at last couple of meetings – why? Ted volunteered to do the 50/50 at upcoming meetings. Gene will let Andy know.

### Activities: Greg Smith

#### Review Past/Future Events:

- ◆ May 18 – Progressive Picnic Ride (Rigsby). Today is last day to RSVP.
- ◆ May 25 – Pre-ride for Charity Ride. This is for Road Captains leading the ride but is open to anyone in the club to participate. Kick stands up at 10:30 am. The information on the calendar for this pre-ride is incorrect; it shows the information for the actual Charity Ride on June 9 instead. The June 9 ride has no information on the calendar – this needs to be corrected.
- ◆ June 8 – Ric Case Memorial Ride. This ride has been cancelled by HOG Chapter. Gene will plan some kind of lunch ride instead for this date for Top Cats.
- ◆ June 9 – Ride, Rock, & Rumble '24 (Mary K.) Everything is ready to go.
- ◆ June 24 – Riding in Germany (Kirkpatrick & Rigsby). Working on details.
- ◆ July 13-14 – I Would Ride 500 Miles Ride (Bradbury). Hoping to get more participants.
- ◆ July 29-Aug 6 – Sturgis Adventure (Kirkpatrick). Only have 4 going so opening up to anyone who is interested.
- ◆ Aug 3 – AHRMA Races at Blackhawk Farms (Rigsby). Details to follow.
- ◆ Aug 6-12 – Front Range Ride (Kirkpatrick). Finalizing details. Space for 1-2 more.
- ◆ Aug 16-18 – Trempealeau Ride (Bradbury). Looking into possibly doing this annual ride in August instead of July.
- ◆ Sept 7 – Memorial Ride (Rigsby). Ric Case usually organized this ride so this will be a memorial ride for him.
- ◆ Sept 20-22 – Monroe Cheese Festival (Bradbury). Possible ride.
- ◆ Need to get rides on the calendar now even if the plan-

ning is not finalized.

- ◆ Safety/RC: Mike Bradbury
- ◆ At the Ride for Hope a rider went down; their helmet was not strapped on. Person is in serious condition. We should talk about this at the General Meeting.

### Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz

- ◆ Responded to an inquiry about membership but received no response.
- ◆ We should talk about endorsing a program for new inquiries. We want good, experienced riders.
- ◆ Still have some shirts, etc. for purchase.

### Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- ◆ Mary has obtained a tent that needs to be put up Sunday morning before the event. Mike and Gene will stop at Volo on the way to Woodstock to help put it up.
- ◆ An email needs to go out to get volunteers for the event.
- ◆ Looking for inexpensive chairs or possibly rent chairs from NISRA or the park district. Will check with Jim Wiseman.

### Secretary: Jane Smith

- ◆ No updates.

Meeting adjourned by Gene at 7:45 p.m.

### General Meeting, Continued...

- ◆ Rolling Thunder invites all motorcyclists to their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Mid-America Demonstration Parade Ride from James A. Lovell Federal Healthcare Center in North Chicago to Cantigny Park in Wheaton on May 26. Kickstands up at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. There is no entry fee. A candlelight vigil will take place on Saturday night (25<sup>th</sup>), 7:30 p.m. at Ft. Sheridan National Cemetery in Lake Bluff.
- ◆ Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 will also be featured in the Arlington Heights Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27 starting at 9:30 a.m.

### Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- ◆ Plans are in place. NISRA families have been invited to make it a family day for all. We will also have a DJ this year.
- ◆ Laura from NISRA was present at the meeting and mentioned that they would be having an additional fundraising event that they would like us to participate in also. No date has been set yet.

### Products: Ted Makarewicz (absent) – No report

- ◆ 50/50 Raffle: Andy Hasztrakiewicz - No raffle tonight.

Meeting adjourned by Gene at 7:55 p.m.

## Motorcycle Artwork...



### June Birthdays and Anniversaries!

10 Joey Rizzo  
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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, June 4th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, June 8th	Jonny Pamcakes	BP at 12 nd 176, Wauconda	Jonny Pamcakes/ Keigel HD, Rockford	10:00 AM	Rigsby
Sunday, June 9th	Ride, Rock and Rumble Charity Ride!	Woodstock Harley Davidson	Volo Auto Museum	8:00 am	MKirkpatrick
Tuesday, June 11th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Saturday, July 13th - Sunday July 14th	I would ride 500 Miles!	TBD	Omaha, Nebraska	TBD	Bradbury
Tuesday, July 5th	General Meeting	Cancelled!			Rigsby
Tuesday, July 12th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	<u>7:00 PM</u>	Rigsby
GRASS CLASS	Information	Coming!	Watch	For a	Blast~
Sunday, July 29th	Start out for Sturgis	BP at 12 and 176	Sturgis	8:00 AM	Boand

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