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Just Another Day in Paradise!
COOPs BBQ...
On Motorcycles with Friends!



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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 3 GENERAL MEETING
- 7 MEMORIAL RIDE
- 8 BIG BOY RIDE
- 10 BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER

- 1 GENERAL MEETING
- 8 BOARD MEETING
- 12 RIDE FOR SCREAMS!

Talk to Greg Smith and
(Position Open - It
Could be YOU!!)
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 doing GREAT, and you're not neglecting them too much as you opt to go riding with your Top Cats family... I think that is a good problem.

Even though summer is... over... ☹️ the mild temps coming up are great for riding... Let's do it! Opportunities are here for the taking. Even if you can't ride out, you can meet up. Come on out!!

Activities from August...

July 29 - Aug 6 - Sturgis: Bard, Wayne and the rest of the group headed out to the motorcycle promised land for great roads and amazing sights. If you missed the opportunity to go this year, talk to Bard about getting on the list for next year, which is the 85th anniversary for the Black Hills Rally (Sturgis). Being a Top Cat member has great benefits in getting out to and staying for the rally. Just ask Bard, Wayne or I if you want to know more. Then you can let your friends know about the opportunity they are missing. I think next year will be a big event. Plan now!

Aug 3 - AHMA race day at Blackhawk Farms Raceway: We had a small group but had a good time. Exciting races. I will definitely plan another trip there.

Aug 6 - 12 - Front Range Ride: Wayne FRR group rode out to some of the usual places but also mixed it up a bit with new places to explore. Another great ride opportunity to some beautiful places. Wayne plans to mix it up a bit more next year as well... Stay tuned.

Activities for September...

Sept 7 - Top Cats Memorial Ride: I'll be leading this ride out to Harpoon Willies in Williams Bay on Lake Geneva. This year, I would like to dedicate this ride to Ric Case, who was leading the annual memorial ride for several years, and loved to go to the Lake Geneva area so I think he would approve of our destination. Joining us will be members of the new Chicago HOG chapter who will provide a "Last Rev" in honor of Ric.

Sept 8 - Big Boy #4104 (No. Not the restaurant). Greg is leading us out to the Rockford area to see the largest, still operational steam locomotive and have a bit of lunch. This is one of the few spots where this train will be stationary for you to see it up close, so don't miss out.

Oct 12 - Ride for Screams: Save the date... The annual Rigsby's scary ride, lunch (hopefully not scary) and campfire. More details to come.

Believe it or not, we actually like to ride with you (well, to be fair, we like to ride with all of our Top Cats family), so get out to these rides so we can see your smiling face.

STILL room on the calendar RCs... Let's get a few more rides 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

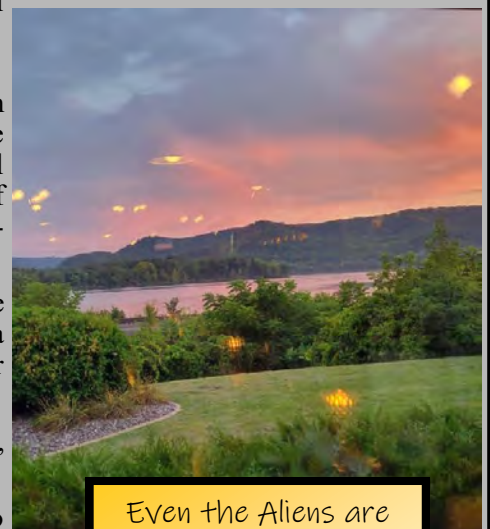
As usual, watch for blasts and check the Top Cats event calendar regularly and by all means **SAVE THE CLUB ACTIVITY DATES FIRST!**

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

**** We still need help in many areas to support the club. If you haven't yet, ask how you can help. I'm sure you will feel good doing so. And, it helps to keep our club going.

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



Even the Aliens are coming to check out our rides! They know how awesome it is to ride with friends!



KAUTION KORNER

Don't Bite Me!

By: Don DeLordo
Senior Road Captain



A Tribute article from Don De Lordo to our beloved Ric Case!

A Kaution Korner from Ric Case: Senior Road Captain –
"Insect Response!"



Are Bugs hitting you in the face, or your helmet, or your windshield? Ever been stung by a bee, or wasp, or a yellow jacket while riding? An ounce of prevention is much better than a pound of cure.

When getting ready for a ride, check all your equipment and protective gear for any kind of insects before putting it on especially if you left it secured to your motorcycle. While stored, it was accessible to insects so a quick check may save you from pain or scratching while riding. Another suggestion is to rub your gear with bounce fabric softener sheets. If your comfort liner in your helmet is removable and washable, do it frequently and make sure to use those fabric softener sheets when drying your protective gear. Insects don't like that scent for some reason.

To illustrate the possibilities, one of our fellow Top Cats left Esckape, (a previous meeting place) after a meeting, geared up and put on his helmet. By the time he was on Lake-Cook road he discovered he had a wasp in his helmet. It started crawling around on his head and stung him several times before he could get stopped and get rid of the pest. He knew it was a wasp because wasps can sting several times, a bee only once because it loses its stinger in the first attack. The best way to manage the situation is when you get startled by anything while riding, retain composure and remain focused on riding and controlling the motorcycle. Then get off onto the shoulder of the road and eliminate the problem.



Ride bug free!

Message from the President!

The Top Cats Memorial ride was starting to become Ric's annual ride! With his absence I feel it would be fitting to ride this year in Ric's honor.

We are to be joined on this ride by members of the now Chicago HOG chapter, who will be providing the "Last Rev" in honor of Ric who was one of their longest continual members and long time safety director.

My route is starting at a mall parking lot in Wauconda and ending at Harpoon Willie's in Williams Bay. There is a gas station just west of there (12 and 176) for people to fuel up.

Meet:

9am at 443 W Liberty St Wauconda

Pre-ride briefing at 9:30a KSU: 9:45a



Oil Spots

By Traveler



Lane Splitting or Filtering Is Now Legal in Six States

Lane splitting and filtering are contentious topics between motorcyclists, lawmakers, and vehicle drivers. The number of states that allow some form of lane splitting/filtering has now grown to six with the additions of Colorado and Minnesota.

In April 24, Colorado joined Arizona, California, Montana, and Utah to become the fifth state where motorcyclists are allowed to pass cars in full lanes until 2027.

Colorado riders are allowed to filter between two lanes traveling in the same direction at a maximum speed of 15 mph when all surrounding traffic is stopped. Motorcycles aren't allowed to pass vehicles on the shoulder or on the right side of vehicles in the far-right lane. If the surrounding traffic starts moving, motorcycles must immediately fall in line with other road users.

This experimental lane filtering law will come into effect in August and expire on September 1, 2027. At that point, the Colorado Department of Transportation will examine the law's effects on road safety and make further decisions.

Minnesota's new lane filtering bill became law in May 24.

Coming into effect on 1 July 25, the Minnesota law allows riders to overtake vehicles in the same lane, provided the motorcycle doesn't exceed the speed of 25 mph and moves less than 15 mph faster than the speed of traffic.

The Minnesota law prohibits other road users from blocking motorcycles from making "full use of a traffic lane." That's a welcome addition, as some car drivers are known to try and stop lane filtering even when it's legal.

There's little resemblance between the law from state to state. Riders should be aware of the stipulations in each filtering state before attempting to do so.

In Arizona, riders can cruise between lanes at a speed no faster than 15 mph if all other vehicles are stopped. The speed limit on the road must be 45 mph or less, and riders aren't allowed to pass vehicles using the shoulder or the median.

California boasts the most permissive lane splitting law in the country. Motorcyclists in the state are allowed to overtake other vehicles in the same lane (without using the shoulder) as long as they follow all applicable speed limits and other traffic laws.

The Montana law, which went into effect in 2023, permits motorcycles to overtake vehicles traveling in the same direction in the same lane if they are stopped or moving no faster than 10 mph. The motorcycle may not exceed 20 mph, and traffic conditions must "permit continued reasonable and prudent operation of the motorcycle while lane filtering"—whatever that means.

The Utah law is virtually identical to the Arizona one. Motorcycles can lane filter on roads with two or more lanes in the same direction where the speed limit is 45 mph or lower. All other traffic must be stopped during lane filtering, and the motorcycle must not exceed a speed of 15 mph.

As long as motorcyclists and other road users abide by the relevant laws, lane filtering appears to reduce the likelihood of motorcycles getting rear-ended while sitting in traffic.

In the end, however, lane splitting and filtering can be very dangerous versus making motorcycling safer.

Sharing the road with farm vehicles

Fall is coming and harvest time is here which presents another hazard to motorcyclists. Stay alert for tractors and other farm vehicles when driving in rural areas.



Driving on rural roads can be a relaxing experience but it's important to pay attention. Many factors can make driving on country roads risky. Drivers' inexperience sharing the road with large farm vehicles is one of these risk factors.

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Oil Spots, continued...

How to safely drive around farm vehicles

Drive defensively. Anticipating dangerous conditions is especially important harvest season which is typically now. Driving defensively and being alert when agricultural vehicles may be present will help avoid incidents.



Check the road surface.

Be very careful of mud, dirt, spilled grain, etc, that will hinder traction. Look far ahead and

be sure to select a clear section of highway to pass on.

Slow down. Farm vehicles travel at slow speeds. Begin braking when you see a slow-moving vehicle. Stay a safe distance back, around 50 feet, the farm equipment operator may have trouble seeing you.

Pass carefully. Wait for a safe passing zone, watch for oncoming traffic, signal before changing lanes and return to the lane once the vehicle is in your rear-view mirror. Don't pass near intersections, around curves, over railroad crossings or near bridges. If the vehicle is extra-wide, wait to pass until the driver pulls over and signals that it's safe. Honk your horn beforehand in case the driver can't see you. Understand the farm vehicle may be turning into a farm field. Look for entrances to farm fields and consider this possibility before attempting to pass a farm vehicle.



Yield. Always give a farm vehicle the right-of-way when it's traveling in the opposite direction. Large farm trucks or

farm tractors have more mud nuts than motorcycles and can't always pull over to the shoulder safely. If possible, go into single file to allow the farm vehicle to pass.

Be cautious. A driver may appear to be pulling to the right to let you pass when they are actually making a wide left-hand turn. Before proceeding, look for driveways, roads or fields where the vehicle might be turning. Also check for hand gestures or lights signaling the driver's intention to turn.

Stay calm. It can be frustrating to drive behind farm vehicles as they are often slow moving and are significantly slower than typical traffic. You may not be able to pass right away, so don't risk an accident by passing aggressively and too soon.

Take a second look. Before you pull into an intersection or make a move to pass, be sure your path is clear in all directions. Tall crops can create "blind" corners, and farm vehicles could enter the roadway from unmarked access drives on the fields.

Follow the rules. In general, farm vehicle operators must follow the same rules as car drivers when they are on the road. Farm vehicles have the right of way in the same situations as a motorcycle.

Riding in Extreme Heat

Riding in extreme hot weather exposes us to progressively higher levels of health risks like:

1. **Sunburn:** Riding with exposed skin in extreme heat will cause burns that will become irritating and uncomfortable. Blistering and swelling of the skin can also develop. Prolonged exposure can cause more serious health effects, including various types of skin cancer. Severe sunburn reduces the body's ability to release excess heat and leave riders more vulnerable to other heat related illnesses.

2. **Dehydration:** The hotter the temperature, the more riders sweat and deplete bodily liquids. In dry climates, sweat evaporates so quickly that a rider may not realize the rapid rate at which he or she is dehydrating. The loss of approximately one quart of body fluids can produce symptoms of dehydration, which include decreased urine flow, which also becomes more yellow in color, reduced physical strength and stamina, drowsiness or even dizziness, slower mental processes, and impaired judgment and decision-making.

3. **Heat Cramps:** Painful muscle cramps in the legs and/or abdomen usually result from heavy exertion in hot weather.

4. **Heat Exhaustion:** When dehydration becomes prolonged, riders are likely to experience heat

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Oil Spots, continued...

exhaustion. The symptoms include fainting, rash, fatigue, and nausea.

In addition, the skin can become clammy and moist or hot and dry. A rider experiencing these symptoms needs to take immediate corrective action to lower body temperature.

5. Heatstroke: A body temperature of 105 degrees or higher, hot, red, dry skin, a rapid and weak pulse rate, and rapid shallow breathing are strong indicators of a heatstroke. Victims may also lose consciousness. This is a life-threatening condition in which the body's internal thermostat has quit functioning. If unchecked, the body's temperature can rise far enough to cause brain damage and death.

Motorcyclists are more at risk if they are engaging in strenuous activity, like riding off-road or on technically and physically demanding paved roads or have some form of temporary illness.

Because health risks are present in all hot - weather motorcycling, the following mitigation strategies are recommended for more than just riding in extreme heat:



1. **Cover-up:** It may seem like riding in shorts and a tank top would be a sensible way of staying cool in hot weather, but it isn't. Besides the considerably elevated risk of severe injury in the event of an accident, the hot wind wicks moisture from the under clad rider's body at an accelerated pace with little evaporative cooling benefit. As mentioned earlier, uncovered riders also are highly susceptible to severe sunburn.

To avoid sunburn, mitigate severe injury in a crash, or becoming quickly dehydrated, wear mesh motorcycle riding gear (with armor), synthetic undergarments that promote evaporative cooling, a full-face helmet, sunglasses or a tinted face shield, gloves, and boots. In summary, leave no skin uncovered.

2. **Stay Hydrated:** It's a good practice to drink water and other clear fluids when you get thirsty, but in hot weather that usually does not rehydrate our bodies suf-

ficiently for two reasons: (1) humans do not always get thirsty when they need rehydration and (2) even when we think we've consumed enough water, we usually haven't. While riding in a hot dry climate, your body will need to consume at least a gallon of water each day to replace lost fluids.

Many of us stop only periodically to drink water in large quantities, but much of this rapidly consumed water winds up in our small intestines and isn't absorbed into body tissues. A more effective technique is to carry a water bottle and sip small amounts from it frequently while riding.

3. **Avoid Diuretics:** Caffeinated drinks can produce an unquenchable thirst and act as a diuretic, increasing urine production and the loss of bodily fluids. So avoid any drink, or any other substance, that produces a diuretic effect on your body.

4. **Replace Electrolytes:** As riders sweat and produce evaporative cooling, they're losing both water and other chemicals, which are critical to keeping muscles and the nervous system operating normally. Consequently, it's important to replace your body's electrolytes (potassium, chloride and sodium) with fruit, juices or sports type drinks to maintain effective brain and neuromuscular functions. But avoid those drinks, which also contain high levels of caffeine.

5. **Start Early, Stop Early:** Begin riding very early in the morning, before the intense heat builds up, and then call it quits by early to mid afternoon. By beginning your ride at sunup, it's amazing how much better you feel and the distance that can be covered by noon. The absorption and radiation of heat from pavement reaches its peak in the late afternoon, which adds to discomfort in late afternoon riding. Stopping early also is a good strategy for avoiding severe weather, which often arrives later in the day, when temperatures are at their peak.



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Oil Spots, continued...

6. Cool Down: Making frequent stops for cool drinks in an air-conditioned environment is effective for keeping body temperature under control. Wearing evaporative cooling type garments (like a vest or a neck wrap) can help keep riders cool while still on the move. One of the best strategies for achieving a rapid cool down is immersion in water in the form of a cool stream, a shower, a bath or just being dowsed with a bucket of cold water.

7. Get Medical Help: Once a rider has progressed to, or near, heatstroke, getting medical assistance becomes critical. If in doubt about the seriousness of a rider's heat related illness, call 91. It's always better to be safe now, than sorry later.



When is it too Hot to Ride Safely?

Even after employing all of the recommended heat risk mitigation strategies, sometimes it's just too hot to ride safely. A good yardstick for measuring heat discomfort is the widely reported heat index, which quantifies the combined effect of heat and humidity. Each rider will have to decide their own limit, but a prudent benchmark is probably a heat index of about 110 degrees.

Conclusion

Heat illness, undoubtedly, increases a rider's risk of having a serious accident. In more extreme situations, dehydration, can lead to a life threatening condition. For their own safety, riders should recognize the early symptoms of heat related illnesses and mitigate them before they progress to a more serious state. And, if it's too hot to ride, don't!



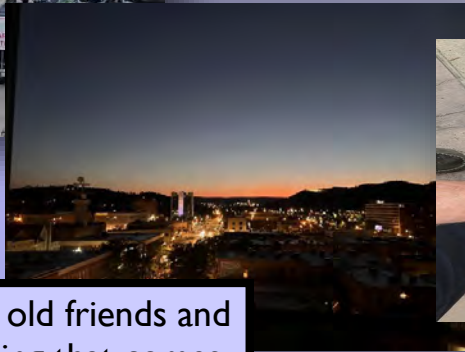
Gene has lots of plans for rides and places to go for our club! When things need to change... He does so quickly! This day, the group ended up at COOPS BBQ! Good Food, Good People—Riding Safely Together! That's the 'usual' for our Club! Maybe a new Top Cats Motto???



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

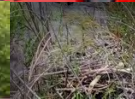
Pictures from our Website: TopCats.Org

Sturgis!
What did you miss? Want to see
more? See the website and Plan on
going next year!!



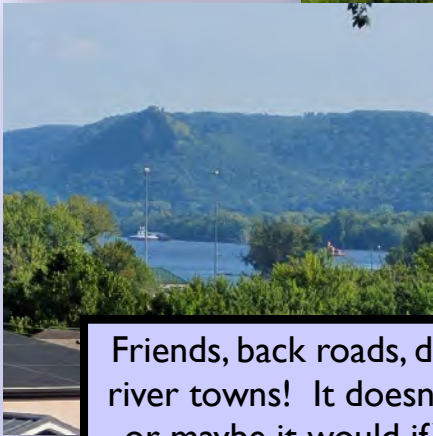
Sturgis... Like visiting old friends and
that 'warm fuzzy' feeling that comes
with being 'home'!

Front Range Ride, 2024!
Wayne's 'So Beautiful' FRR!
The roads, vistas and wind are soul happy
therapy! Come along next year!





Trempealeau!
Another Great Ride by the
Infamous 'BRW....
Back Road Wizard,
Mike Brdbury!



Friends, back roads, driftless terrain and
river towns! It doesn't get any better...
or maybe it would if YOU were there!

AHMRA

The **American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association** is a not-for-profit organization, dedicated to restoring and competing on historic motorcycles.

Gene took the club out for a great day... and this picture is getting it's own space! Look closely at each bike... It takes two to keep these cycles on the track through the turns!

Maybe a thought for next year?
TC Teams!





General Membership Meeting Minutes August 6th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted by: Jane Smith

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

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

Birthdays:

Jane Smith – Aug. 16
Greg Smith – Aug. 24

- ◆ We need more rides/events on the calendar!
- ◆ We need more people to pitch in and help

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick (Absent) NO REPORT

Safety: Mike Bradbury

Accident/Safety Review

- ◆ Mike reviewed riding hints for hot weather. Don't ignore symptoms of dehydration, sunburn, or heat exhaustion (clammy skin, woozy). Use water-soaked bandana around neck to keep cool. Even though it may be hot sometimes, dress for the slide, not the ride. Also remember to check your tire pressure as the heat can change that.
- ◆ Mary had an article in the ROAR about helmet classification – check it out.
- ◆ Don will be doing the Kaution Korner for September's ROAR.

Membership: Ted Makarewicz (Absent) NO REPORT

Activities: Greg Smith

Recent Activities:

- ◆ June 8 – Ride to Johnny Pancakes in Rockford (Gene). For various reasons, the ride was changed to lunch at Lindy's Landing.
- ◆ June 9 – Ride, Rock, Rumble '24. We had a fairly good showing, more than previous years. Financially it was not a great success – contributions would be helpful.
- ◆ June 23 – Adler '24 Germany trip. Participants indicated it was a fun trip. However, there was an incident with Andy and Bozenna going down with the bike. Bozenna broke her ankle and has had

two surgeries (in Germany). The group got to practice their Accident Scene Management. Some people had trouble coming home because of cancelled flights.

- ◆ July 13-14 – I Would Ride 500 Miles (Mike). As there were only going to be 2 participants (Mike and Gene) the ride was changed to a destination lunch ride to Coop's BBQ. Food was good.
- ◆ August 3 – AHRMA Races at Blackhawk Farms (Gene). Was a very hot day! Was fun to see the various bikes and races.
- ◆ July 29-August 6 - Sturgis Adventure (Bard). Haven't heard any updates as to how the ride is going.

Future Activities:

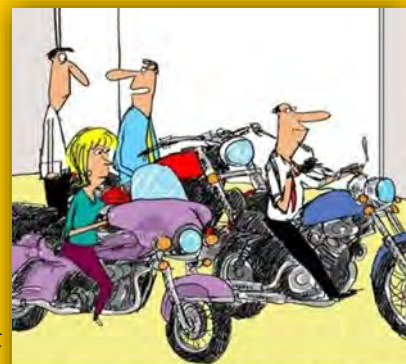
- ◆ August 6-12 - Front Range Ride (Wayne). Heard the ride is going well. Visiting the Garden of Gods today and Pikes Peak tomorrow.
- ◆ August 23-25 – Trempealeau (Mike). This ride will take some different roads than previous years, but always good scenery.
- ◆ October 12 – Ride for Screams (Gene). Finalizing plans.
- ◆ Watch the calendar for more rides being added.

Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick (Absent) NO REPORT

Products: Ted Makarewicz (Absent) NO REPORT

50/50 Raffle: Andy Haszlakiewicz (Absent) No Raffle Tonight

Meeting adjourned by Gene at 7:42 p.m.



"Some offices have Casual Friday. We thought Motorcycle Friday was a much better idea."



Board Meeting Minutes August 13th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted
by: 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.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ Open Discussion
- ◆ Need to discuss Road Captain issues.

Treasurer: Don DeLordo

Report/Review

- ◆ The Treasurer's reports for the main and charity happy to share. Road Captains need to fulfill their requirements were reviewed.
- ◆ An additional \$1,000 donation was received for the Charity fund.

Activities: Greg Smith

Review Past

- ◆ June 8 – Johnny Pancakes (Rigsby). Changed to lunch at Lindy's Landing in Wauconda due to pending rain. Only 4 participants.
- ◆ June 9 – Ride, Rock, & Rumble '24 (Mary). Lots of work with little return.
- ◆ June 22 – Adler '24 (Kirkpatrick & Rigsby). Everyone had a great time. Andy and Bozena had an accident that resulted in Bozena having to have surgery.
- ◆ July 13-14 – I Would Ride 500 Miles Ride (Bradbury). The ride was cancelled and a day ride to Coop's BBQ was done instead.
- ◆ July 29-Aug 6 – Sturgis Adventure (Kirkpatrick). Had 6 participants. There were some issues and talk that the ride should be rejuvenated. This could possibly spark more interest in people to participate.
- ◆ Aug 3 – AHRMA Races at Blackhawk Farms (Rigsby). Hot day, but fun to see the races.
- ◆ Aug 6-12 – Front Range Ride (Kirkpatrick). Good ride, small group (4). Everyone was in sync with distance and hand signals. Question was brought up about mentor reports for the Sturgis and Front Range rides since Wayne and Bard are not in the point system.

Future Rides

- ◆ Aug 16-18 – Trempealeau Ride (Bradbury). Arrangements are set – van and supper club reservations are made. Routes are ready.
- ◆ Sept 7 – Memorial Ride (Rigsby). Gene needs to finalize the lunch stop at Harpoon Willies in Williams Bay and last-minute coordination with the HOG Chapter.
- ◆ Oct 12 – Ride for Screams!! (Rigsby). Gene is putting together his annual ride and picnic after at the Rigsby's house. More details will follow.

- ◆ Riding season is not over yet and would like to see some fall rides on the calendar.

Safety/RC: Mike Bradbury

- ◆ Don will be doing the Kaution Korner for September.
- ◆ We currently have 9 Road Captains but only 5 rides have been done so far. More rides need to be scheduled before the end of the season. Mike has some ideas for rides and will be ements of mentoring or leading a ride annually.

Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz

- ◆ No new inquiries. We need to get our name out there. We have a Facebook account – need to promote the safety aspect of our club along with upcoming rides. We teach safety through GRASS. Feature some of our main rides – Sturgis, Front Range, Germany – with pictures and get people interested.
- ◆ Our products are available to purchase on the Land's End website. The link should be put in the ROAR or blast a reminder to everyone. Ted will put together an inventory to advertise what he currently has on hand.

Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- ◆ It was a beautiful day; however, the tent was destroyed by the wind. We had food and music, but it was a lot of work for the \$1,800 we raised. We need to revisit a new plan for this event. With so many other events over the summer it is hard to compete. Suggested we get a celebrity guest to draw people in. We need to continue to get our name out there by advertising at motorcycle events/dealers, blurb in newspapers, Posse calendar, and emails to past participants.

Secretary: Jane Smith

- ◆ Jane asked that Road Captains be sure to send her the attendance for their rides so she can keep the activity attendance current.

Miscellaneous

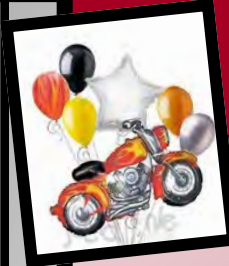
- ◆ Greg has talked with David Ramirez about taking over Rick Agrimonti's position by helping with blasts for activities. He is willing to give it a shot. We will get him set up with the training with GoDaddy.

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



ROAR

The Big Occasion
that was NOT in
August's ROAR!
Happy Anniversary,
Gene and Noelle!



September Birthdays and Anniversaries!

- 9 Andy Haszlakiewicz
- 11 Mary Kirkpatrick
- 12 George Raab

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities
for September
Let us know your special dates so that
we can celebrate with you!

4th
Wayne and Mary Kirkpatrick
The BIG TEN!!



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sell!



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our Top Cat Family Smiling!



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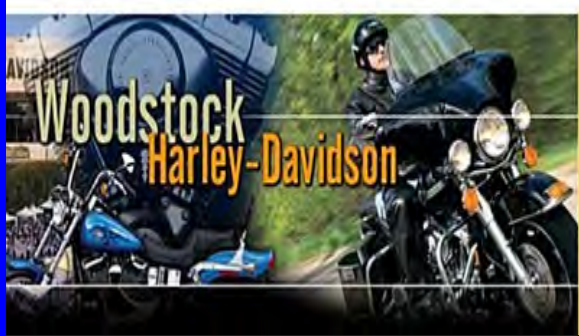


*Network with your fellow
Riders here...*

And Be Thankful!



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Thanks, Greg for supporting our Top Cat's Safety Class!



Greg Smith

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TAK MC (Primarily Harleys)

Contact: **Tim Harwood**

28841 N. Darrell Road
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timharwood11@yahoo.com

(708) 525-6316

WAR Performance (All makes plus dyno and storage)

Contact: **Mike Witt**

120 Grant Highway
Marengo, IL 60152

NISRA Families have so many wonderful opportunities because of the NISRA staff...





RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, September 3rd	General Meting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 PM	Rigsby
Saturday, September 7th	Memorial Ride	443 W. Liberty Street Wauconda	Harpoon Willies, Williams Bay, WI	9:00 AM	Rigsby
Sunday, September 8th	Big Boy Ride	BP 1400 IL Rte 62 Palatine, Il	Rochelle, Illinois	9:00 AM	G Smith
Tuesday, September 10th	Board Meting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 PM	Rigsby
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Saturday, October 12th	Ride for Screams!	TBD	Various—and then the Rigsbys	TBD	Rigsby
Ideas?	Get	Them	On The	Calendar	Now!

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