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Upcoming Events

JANUARY

- 8 GENERAL MEETING
- 12 CHILI COOK OFF AND BIKE RIDERS MOVIE
- 15 BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY

- 4 GENERAL MEETING
- 11 BOARD MEETING
- 15 AWARDS BANQUET



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





PRESIDENT'S POINT

And Now a Word from your President...



Happy New Year, Top Cats!

I hope your holidays were full of family, friends, love, good cheer, etc, etc... and I wish for more of the same for the year to come... You guys ready to ride?? I am..!
Been working on plans for 2025 rides.

We have a new board member for 2025. Bozena Hazlakiewic has accepted the one year appointment to our Vice President. Bozena has an extensive background as a leader in the community working with several groups, so I am sure she will be a great addition to our board. I look forward to working together.

Activities from December...

Dec 14) Army/Navy watch part WSHD - Kirkpatrick. Wayne arranged this watch party at WSHD and invited the Top Cats along with Rolling Thunder. It was a good game early on, but then became a bit lopsided... To be nice, and thankful... I won't provide the score...

Dec 19) Dinner at Stonewood Ale House - Bradbury. Mike arranged a good 'get out of the house activity' at a great looking comfortable place. I hope I seen you there.

Activities for January...

Jan 12) Movie at WSHD - Mary. Mary is making arrangements for us to watch a movie ("The Bikeriders", I believe) at WSHD. We are planning to invite the Former Chicago HOG chapter as well. Should be cool and get you dreaming about getting out on the road.

SAVE THE DATE(S) NOW:

- 1/12 - Movie at WSHD - Mary
- 2/8 - WSHD Open House - Rigsby
- 2/15 - Awards banquet - Bradbury, Rigsby & Rigsby
(sounds like a shady lawfirm)
- 2/16 - First Aid training @ WDHS - Bradbury
- 6/14 - Ride, Rock, Rumble (Yes...! Our charity event)
- 7/28 - 8/5 - Sturgis - Boand & Kirkpatrick
- 8/5 - 8/10 - Front Range Ride - Kirkpatrick

What a great start for 2025 and we haven't had the RC meeting where planning for more great adventures will begin.

STILL room on the calendar RCs...

Let's get a few more rides or other activities together and let's go!
Don't need to be complex. **KISS**...

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

And as usual, watch for blasts and check the Top Cats event calendar regularly and by all means

SAVE THE CLUB ACTIVITY DATES FIRST!

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

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

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





KAUTION KORNER

Rider Maintenance

By: Traveler



Rider Maintenance



OK, it's the winter season, no riding and we have maintained our bike and safely placed it in

storage. We checked, cleaned and replaced our personal safety gear and, we reviewed our insurance policy. We checked the expiration dates on our first-aid kit and renewed our motorcycle drivers license and registration.

In our spare time, we watched motorcycle safety videos, took a GRASS refresher course and read a book or two on motorcycle riding and safety.

What's left? YOU, the rider. What have you done to prepare yourself for the next riding season. Have you:

- ◆ Scheduled a wellness check with your primary care physician?
- ◆ Started a weight loss program?
- ◆ Had that elective surgery that you keep postponing?
- ◆ Had your annual hearing exam?
- ◆ Taken an eye exam and updated your glasses?
- ◆ Reviewed your prescription medication with your doctor?

If you think that you are ready to take on the riggers of the next riding season, take the time to look into a full-length mirror and, accept that you probably need to start a workout regimen, after checking with your doctor, to get yourself in shape.

Here are some areas to consider in your motorcycle exercise program. And don't forget—before starting any exercise program, consult with your doctor.

Legs

Our legs are the largest muscle group in our bodies.

We use our legs to lift our motorcycles from their side stands, support them at stops, and, at times, push them around.

While there are several weight-training exercises you can work on at a gym, the simple act of walking will do wonders. It's also free. Walking every day, will keep your legs strong and offer

benefits to your cardiovascular system. And, it also will make you wish it was already riding season.

Core strength

If your back, neck, or shoulders are achy after the first ride of the season, this is a sure sign you need to work on your core strength.



Before you start working on core strength, it is smart to consider a session with a professional trainer to learn the proper techniques. Here is a partial list of some exercises that work on your core:

- Sit-ups
- Modified sit-ups
- Abdominal crunches
- Plank
- Side plank
- Push-ups
- Squats
- Back extensions

Arms and upper body

All motorcycles, particularly trikes, require upper body strength. Riding positions vary from sitting upright to leaning forward. Your riding position will have an effect on how much upper body strength you'll need to ride comfortably and safely.

Work on strengthening your arms and upper body. Consider such exercises as:

- Chest press
- Rowing
- Bicep curls
- Triceps press down
- Wall push-ups
- Hand grip squeezes

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Just like your bike, you need to be in top notch shape for a safe and enjoyable ride and....to be ready for your first ride of the season after your parking lot familiarity

Get into a daily routine like, upper body exercise every other day, core exercise twice a week, daily arm and leg exercise, etc. Make your routine fit your needs and start slowly to build up your exercise routine gradually. This will help avoid overdoing it and incurring injury.

TRAINING TWO BODY PARTS A DAY GYM WORKOUT PLAN
 BUDDY FITNESS - CERTIFIED FITNESS COACH

FULL WEEK GYM WORKOUT PLAN

MONDAY	- CHEST + TRICEPS
TUESDAY	- BACK + BICEPS + ABS
WEDNESDAY	- SHOULDER + LEGS
THURSDAY	- CHEST + TRICEPS
FRIDAY	- BACK + BICEPS + ABS
SATURDAY	- SHOULDER + LEGS
SUNDAY	- REST

Oil Spots

By Traveler

Malcom spearheaded the public perception of motorcycling in *On Any Sunday*, ushering in a more respectable reputation. His infectiously kind and humorous persona presented in the film is who he was.

Malcolm Smith was a generous man. He built and supported an orphanage in Mexico, wanting to give back to the country he loved, and which had given him so much—camping trips, riding adventures, and numerous wins in major sanctioned desert races which built his legend.

[A Motorcycling Icon Remembered](#)



Malcolm Smith, 1941-2024

Malcolm was 83 when he passed. He lived his life exactly as he wanted. Without ego, he became an icon in the two-wheeled world, and his legacy will live on.....



The news came as an unexpected surprise to the entire, worldwide, motorcycle community.

The motorcycle community lost one of our greatest heroes. Malcolm Smith passed away on November 26, 2024.

Malcolm came to international fame in Bruce Brown's breakthrough 1971 documentary, *On Any Sunday*.

An entire generation adopted Malcolm Smith as their hero. As one of the film's featured characters, the versatile motorcycle racer and good-spirited man became an inspiration for many to get into the sport of motorcycles.

Godspeed, Malcolm. Thank you for all you gave us.

[SCAMMERS!](#)

Sad but, in today's environment, particularly around the holidays, scammers become more active. While this has absolutely nothing to do with safe motorcycling, it has everything to do with looking out for our Top Cats brothers and sisters.

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Oil Spots , Continued...

In our sport, one of the last things we need is one more acronym, however, please forgive me for offering you one more!

One line of defense in denying scammers access to your financial life, starting with the common-sense measures you can take. A helpful reminder is the acronym STOP.



S – Stay cautious

Always be on alert when someone asks for information or money.

T – Take your time

Scammers want to rush you. Slow down and think before you act.

O – Only trust verified sources

Double-check information through trusted channels you've independently verified.

P – Protect your information

Never share personal or financial details unless you're sure who you're dealing with.

There are additional actions you can take to safeguard your info:

- Use fingerprint, facial or voice recognition to access banking apps.
- Create strong and unique passwords for each account.
- Set up two-factor authentication — like a code sent to your phone — in addition to your password. Never share this code with anyone contacting you, including your bank. We won't ask for it.
- Avoid using public Wi-Fi to access banking apps or to shop online.

Good luck, stay aware and following these tips may prevent scammers from accessing your financial data. Therefore, next riding season, you will be able to buy your fellow Top Cats a drink or two!

Co - Rider Rules

Waaaay back in the day, these were some of the rules to be followed by co-riders, although were referred to by another name.

One of the easiest to remember was....”When the engine is off, so are you”. And “When the engine is on, you better be too”.

1. If You Open It, Close It.
2. If You Turn It On, Turn It Off.
3. If You Unlock It, Lock It.
4. If You Break It, Repair It.
5. If You Can't Fix It, Call Someone Who Can.
6. If You Borrow It, Return It.
7. If You Use It, Take Care Of It.
8. If You Make A Mess, Clean It Up.
9. If You Move It, Put It Back.
0. If It Belongs To Somebody Else And You Want To Use It, Get Permission.
1. If You Don't Know How To Operate It, Leave It Alone.
2. If It Doesn't Concern You, Mind Your Own Business.

“The Bikeriders” Movie



Many years ago, while sitting around a campfire discussing the history of motorcycling with a friend from Germany we talked about the origin of motorcycle clubs. As an expert in motorcycling history, his position was that motorcycle clubs / gangs / organizations, etc. did not start on the west coast rather, right here in Chicago. He held that it was Hollowood that created the motorcycle gang image originating in California.

A few years later, he presented me with a book titled *The Bikeriders*, claiming that it explained the true origin of motorcycle gangs. Interestingly, it portrayed the origin as here, in our backyard. Well, leap forward a decade or so and *The Bikeriders* became an acclaimed movie.

The Bikeriders is a film about a midwestern motorcycle club from the 1960s that hit theaters in June 2024. The movie was inspired by a book of the same name originally published in 1968, which chronicled the characters and exploits of the Chicago Outlaws Motorcycle Club as it morphs from a friendly association to a biker gang.

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Oil Spots, continued...

The film adaptation is directed by Jeff Nichols (*Loving*; *Midnight Special*; *Mud*), who also wrote the screenplay over a period of several years. The movie stars Austin Butler (*Elvis*; *Dune: Part 2*), Tom Hardy (*Mad Max: Fury Road*; *The Revenant*), Norman Reedus (*Walking Dead*), and Jodie Comer (*Killing Eve*; *The Last Duel*).

Kevin Duke, editor-in-chief of *American Rider*, got the opportunity to watch an advanced screening of the movie followed by an opportunity to interview the actors and director.

"I'm always dubious about Hollywood's portrayal of motorcycling, but after watching an advance screening of this new film, I was really impressed with the production values and the acting," said Duke. "Terrific performances throughout, especially from Hardy as the club leader 'Johnny' and Comer, the love interest of 'Benny' played by Butler. The motorcycles are all period-correct 1960s models, and their authentic sounds literally rumble the theater seats."

On 12 January 2025, we will have the opportunity to judge for ourselves the accuracy and enjoyment of this movie as Top Cats will be showing it in the Hall of Honor at Woodstock Harley Davidson from 1:00 pm to about 3:00 pm. Mark your calendars and we look forward to having a great turnout from our members.

New Motorcycle Tech For 2025

2024 was rich when it comes to technologies that don't necessarily have to do with a bike's ability to move on the road but are becoming increasingly important for the modern-day rider. Things like new switchgear, new aeros, new screens, and even new headlights.

Here are four big advancements to satisfy a riders' craving for new stuff to try out and talk about.

Honda Brings Electronic Clutch Control



Photo: Honda

2024 will be remembered in the motorcycle industry as the year when bike makers really made changing gears a breeze. But Honda had something related up its sleeve as well: the electronic clutch control.

Known as the E-Clutch, this year it expanded to the American market as well, where it was introduced on two new motorcycles: the 2024 CB650R and CBR650R.

Honda's solution is meant to automate clutch operation. The E-Clutch does not remove the shift pedal from the equation, as it's still needed to change gears. Technically speaking, the clutch lever is still there and can be operated manually should the rider desire to do so.

The tech relies on a drive unit made up of two motors, gears, and a control unit. The system takes data (on engine RPM at the crankshaft, throttle angle, and gear position), for instance, from various sensors, and decides when the time to shift.

As for the bikes that got the new hardware, the naked CB650R is presently selling for \$9,399, while the CBR650R is retailing for \$9,899.

Aprilia ground effect technology



Photo: Aprilia

Ground effect is basically the reduced air drag and when applied to motorcycles, it gets a pretty interesting effect.

Aprilia has been testing this idea for some time on the RS-GP 24 prototype of the MotoGP. The idea turned into reality as a small, inverted aircraft wing-like body element installed on the bike

The idea apparently worked, and in September, the bike maker included the ground effect aero on a production bike, something that had never been done before. The lucky ride to get the ground effect part is the RSV4 X ex3ma, one of the most expensive two-wheelers to be launched in 2024 at about \$84,400.

KTM TFT screen, switchgear, and connectivity unit



Photo: KTM

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Oil Spots, continued...

(The Austrians from KTM distinguished themselves this year by being very active in the technical aspect of their business.

KTM's new display screen comes in either a vertical or horizontal alignment, with the dimensions being eight and 8.8 inches, respectively. The resolution of both devices is 1280 x 720, and displays no less than 256,000 colors, almost five times as much as what KTM offered before.

The new screens have already been deployed since their introduction in October on a number of motorcycles, including the 2025 1390 Super Duke GT, the 990 Duke R, and the 1390 Super Adventures.

The new switchgear provides riders with a dedicated Ride Mode button, a new 5-way joystick, and a back button. There are also new switches for cruise control, light, and ignition.

The new Automated Manual Transmission can be controlled thanks to a dedicated button that is now offered on the bikes that use it, but also new paddles.

KTM's new connectivity unit now offers access to offline map navigation, 32 GB of storage and three GB of RAM. It works thanks to the Android Automotive operating system, and it is Bluetooth and wi-fi capable.

Yamaha's new headlight system



Photo: Yamaha

Designed in a matrix configuration, the headlight delivers light through multiple low and high beam LEDs. They are all tied to a camera installed in the upper part of the headlamp, and a processing unit that makes it smart to an extent.

The headlight is capable of detecting not only the intensity of surrounding light, but also natural light sources, weather conditions, and even surrounding traffic. Based on this data, it automatically determines how and when to adjust brightness and light distribution.

The tech is so smart that it decides how to shine light on the road as to not dazzle oncoming drivers and riders, while at the same time keeping the road visible for the one using it. Because it is also tied into the bike's six-axis IMU, it even adjusts the beam to compensate for lean angle.

That's a small bit of 2024 when it comes to new motorcycle tech. It's been quite the year, and it only makes us hopeful that 2025 will be even richer in this respect.

Harley-Davidson Loses Tariff Game

Harley-Davidson can't catch a break.

Profits are down, owners are aging out, dealerships are pissed with executive mandates and increasing inventories, and bikes just aren't selling as good.

And, the looming US trade tariffs are likely to sink the company's fortunes even lower, just as tariffs did a few years ago. Only at that time, Harley's executives believed they had a way around the counter-tariffs the European Union imposed on American goods, as well as reducing production costs. What did it do? It started building bikes in Thailand.



The EU subsequently sued the company for trying to pull a fast one. That case has finally been resolved and Harley lost.

According to the EU's Court of Justice, "The case arose after Harley-Davidson moved part of its motorcycle production from the US to Thailand following the EU's imposition of additional customs duties of 25% on U.S.-origin motorcycles." This, however, was deemed as "aimed primarily to avoid these duties and deemed economically unjustified under Article 33 of Delegated Regulation."

A country where no tariffs were to be imposed, however, was Thailand. So, Harley moved part of its production to Thailand, specifically the portion of its motorcycles that get sent to the EU. This way, it could hopefully avoid those tariffs by claiming they're Thai in origin, not American.

The EU called Harley out on this attempt in its lawsuit. Harley appealed, stating that the move was purely to drive more efficiency within its business.

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Oil Spots, Continued

However, the EU wasn't having it, stating, "The court held that Harley-Davidson failed to provide sufficient evidence showing that its move was driven primarily by economic efficiency rather than regulatory avoidance. While businesses are free to make decisions optimizing their operations, relocations timed to align with EU measures face additional scrutiny."

As such, even though the Harleys imported from Thailand are built in Thailand, which doesn't have the same trade duties as US goods, they're still considered US goods since Harley-Davidson is an American company.

SIDE NOTE: This past June, I rented a 2023 Street Glide from House of Flames in Munich. It was built in Thailand and ran perfect. – WK

[BMW Reveals the All-New R 12 S](#)

Bayerische Motoren Werke AG, (BMW) has gifted us with a fantastic bike debut that pays homage to the R 90 S, a Daytona/TT-class-winning machine originally considered by BMW to be “the world’s first production motorcycle with a handlebar fairing designed according to aerodynamic principles.”

Inspiration from this prized bit of history is carried over to BMW’s new 2025 R 12 S in the form of the following tweaks:

- ◆ A red “90” on the engine
- ◆ A handlebar-mounted cockpit fairing with a tinted windshield
- ◆ Contrast stitching in the saddle
- ◆ A Lava Orange Metallic paint finish
- ◆ A red-laid ‘S’ on the side covers
- ◆ A red double coach line
- ◆ Brushed and clear-lacquered aluminum surfaces of the tank and seat hump

The R 12 S houses a new 1,170cc, air/oil-cooled two-cylinder boxer heart capable of 136hp (101kW) @ 7,750rpm and 92lb-ft (125Nm) of torque @ 6,500rpm. The engine shows great low-end and mid-range power, with ShiftCam Technology optimizing performance across the rev range.

Electric goodies that come as standard also include Hill Start Control, Gear Shift Assist Pro, Heated Grips, and of course, Cruise Control.

Performance figures: 0-60 mph – 3.6 sec, top speed; 134 mph





Five fun Facts about Motorcycling!

Submitted by Mary Kirkpatrick

Taken from: [Fun Facts Every Motorcyclist Should Know - Ride Vision](#)

1. Fun Fact 1: The First Motorcycle Was Made of WOOD!



Pictured: An 1885 Reitwagen at the Stuttgart Mercedes Benz Museum
While many speculate over which 2-wheeled machine of the 19th century was the first “true” motorcycle, most consider the “Reitwagen” (“Riding Car”) of 1885 to be the origin of modern motorcycles. Made by German inventors Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach, this single-cylinder primitive bike is considered one of the world’s first petroleum-powered transportation devices. Essentially a motorized bicycle with the pedals removed, the Reitwagen not only uses a wooden frame, but also wooden forks and wheels as well!

2. Fun Fact 2: Diesel Motorcycles Exist

Image Credit: [royalenfields.com](#)



This fun fact might be more of a painful one for petrol purists, but it’s true! The Royal Enfield Taurus is one example of a commercially produced diesel-powered motorcycle. Weighing in at 432lbs with a top speed of 65km/h, the Taurus might not be built for performance, yet the impressive mileage capacity, strong power to weight ration, rugged durability, and widely loved oddity of this 90’s motorcycle has given it a cult-like following among enthusiasts and collectors.

3. The Best-Selling Motorcycle Ever is NOT What You’d Expect...

Pictured: Honda Super Cub 110

Admittedly we’re wading into controversial waters here, but this fun motorcycle fact is actually arguably a scooter one. Clocking in at a respectable cc range of 49-125, the Honda Super Cub (or Honda Cub) is a worldwide favorite that has been in *non-stop production since 1958*. Celebrating an astonishing 100 million units produced in 2018, the iconic Honda model isn’t just the best-selling motorcycle/scooter ever, it’s the best-selling *vehicle* of all time!



4. The Harley “Hog” Came from Racing

Image Credit: [Wikimedia Commons](#)



Most riders around the world are familiar with the iconic Harley-Davidson term “hog” when referring to a motorcycle. However few riders know that this name actually came from Harley’s 1900’s racing team, the “Wrecking Crew.” The team allegedly had a small pig as a mascot, which one of the riders would place on the tank of their bike whenever it came time to do a victory lap. Legend has it that this is why the motorcycles themselves became known as “hogs” over time. In 1983, the “Harley Owners Group” or “HOG” was officially founded.

5. Yamaha’s Musical Beginnings

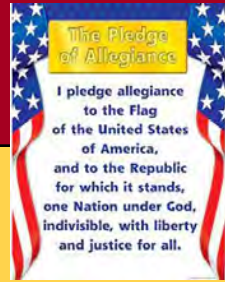
Image Credit: [global.yamaha-motor.com](#)

Sweet muffler music isn’t the only thing this brand giant makes, Yamaha, one of the best-known motorcycle and scooter producers in the world initially began as a piano manufacturer in 1887. However, the switch from music to motorcycles makes more sense than you might think when you look at who, and when, the company was making this pivotal shift...

In 1955, after WWII the company’s then-president Genichi Kawakami believed that in order to rebuild the country needed transportation more than pianos. Thus, Yamaha’s first motorcycle was created — the 125cc YA-1. Today Yamaha produces everything from motorcycles to swimming pools and wheelchairs (and still, high-quality pianos!).

And there you have it! 5 fast and fun motorcycle facts that are sure to impress, or at least surprise, your friends!





General Membership Meeting Minutes

December 3rd, 2024

Respectfully Submitted by: Mary Kirkpatrick for Jane Smith

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- 7:00 pm, Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Guests – Introductions

Announcements

- 17 - Emil Korneicki
- Chachi is going to be leaving Alley 64. He will be coined in thanks for all he has done to care for our club!

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Election

- Wayne explained that the board is on a 2-year system so that the board can have continuity through the elections.
- The positions open for this year are:
- President: Gene is the incumbent
- 2 directors: Greg Smith and Ted Makarewicz are the incumbents
- Bozena Haszlkiewicz has been appointed the Vice President to take the place of Ric Case.
- With no challengers this year, a show of hands is all that is required.
- Mike Bradbury made the motion to accept the slate as stated, Don Delordo was the 2nd. The Slate was approved by the members present.
- Open topics – Wayne stated that there is no new news on dealerships at this time. And Wayne has offered condolences to the members of the now defunct North Shore Hog Chapter.

Safety: Mike Bradbury

- Kaution Korner - Wayne discussed the 4 'R's of riding! See the December ROAR for all of the details!
- Kaution Korner preview for next month was also done by Wayne Kirkpatrick. He will be talking about what we can do during the 'off-season' to ensure safety when we are back on the road!

Accident/safety review/Video

Ultimate Tips To Survive The Non-Riding Season For Bikers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po5smWzdpJ0>

- This was a great set up for Wayne's article to come! It's always good to HEAR and SEE! Watch for the article in January's Edition of the ROAR
- CPR class will be on February 16th, at Woodstock Harley for \$75 per person. 9am – 1pm

Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- No new members at this time

Activities: Greg Smith, absent

Recent activities

- NISRA fashion show - 11/23 - Mary Kirkpatrick reported that it was a great event... as usual!

Future activities

- Top Cats 2024 awards banquet - February 15th - **Save the date** - \$45 per person at Emmets!
- December dates are open...
- December 14th is wreaths across America in the morning and a watch party for the Army/ Navy game at Woodstock HD

Gene called for members to come up with some events for the club to get together. Mike Bradbury and Mary Kirkpatrick volunteered to get things together. Dinner or lunch and a movie!

Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- 2025 date has not been set yet.
- Please think of ways that we can raise funds in other ways!

Products: Ted Makarewicz

- Ted's got 'em! **BIG Discounts!**

50/50 Raffle: No Raffle night

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 by Gene Rigsby, President of Top Cats Illinois!





BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 10TH, 2024

Respectfully Submitted
by: Jane Smith

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. via Zoom. All Board members were present.

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- Election 2025
- The election took place at the December General Meeting.

The 2025 Board will be as follows:

President (Gene) 2025/2026

Vice President (Bozena) 2025

Treasurer (Don) 2025

Secretary (Jane) 2025

Director-Safety (Mike) 2025

Director-Charity (Mary) 2025

Director-Membership (Ted) 2025/2026

Director-Activities (Greg) 2025/2026

Treasurer: Don DeLordo

- Report/Review
- Don reviewed the financial report for the General and Charity accounts.
- He reviewed the membership and dues received for 2025. Still need some waivers and money from several people who have indicated they are renewing.

Activities: Greg Smith

Past Events:

- Nov. 23 – NISRA Fashion Show – Was attended by several of our members. One of our members, Daniella Maca, won a raffle Christmas tree. Congratulations!
- Future Events:
- Dec. 19 – Holiday Get-together – Mike is in the process of setting up a get-together at Stonewood Ale House in Schaumburg. Meet at 6:00 pm. Blast will go out with invite.

Future Events:

- Jan. 12 – Movie Night (afternoon) – Discussing locations to show movie, "Bike Riders." Looking into WSHD, American Legion Hall or Greg suggested we could use the Keller Williams facility where the GRASS classes are held. Wayne will provide more details after the holidays.
- Feb. 15 – Awards Banquet – Save the date. As last year, it will be held at Emmett's Brewing Company in Palatine.

- Feb. 16 – CPR Class – Will be at Woodstock HD, 9:00 – 1:00. Save the date.

Other Activities:

- Dec. 14 – Wreaths Across America – Fort Sheridan National Cemetery. Join Rolling Thunder group to participate in this nation-wide event.
- Dec. 14 – Navy/Army Football Game – The game will be shown at Woodstock HD. Food and drinks will be served.

Safety/RC: Mike Bradbury

- Road Captains need to meet to discuss the Founder's Cup recipient this year.
- A first aid/CPR class will be held at Woodstock HD. Watch for details.
- The Rosemont HOG Chapter is disbanding but will be continuing as a new club. We would like to extend an invitation to them to ride with us to Sturgis/FRR or any other rides. Will invite them to an upcoming movie night.

Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz

- Received 4 inquiries, but no commitments.
- Suggest we do a presentation to Rolling Thunder or newly disbanded HOG group to possibly get new members.

Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- Saturday, June 14 has been selected as the date for the Chairity ride. A meeting will be held early in January to discuss our plans to get ready for the event.
- Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the year. Need to be ready to sell at the Woodstock Open House/Cabin Fever events.

Secretary: Jane Smith

- Nothing.

Meeting ad-
journalled by
Gene at 7:49





Distinguished and Steadfast Board of Directors Election Results! 2025

The 2025 Board will be
as follows:

President, Gene Rigsby
2025/2026

Vice President,
Bozenna Haszlakiewicz
2025

Treasurer, DeLordo
2025

Secretary, Jane Smith
2025

Director-Safety,
Mike Bradbury
2025

Director-Charity
Mary Kirkpatrick
2025

Director-Membership
Ted Makarewicz
2025/2026

Director-Activities
Greg Smith
2025/2026



January Birthdays and Anniversaries!

- 1 Wayne Kirkpatrick
- 2 Noelle Rigsb
- 11 Jim Wiseman
- 15 Jim Chevalier

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities
for January!!

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

No January
Anniversaries
(That we know of...)



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!





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Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
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Saturday, January 6th	Chili Cook-off	TBD	TBD	TBD	Rigsby
Tuesday, January 9th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Saturday, January 20th	Southern Belle	Barrington	210 S. Cook St	9:00 am	Rigsby
Saturday, February 3rd	Road Captain Meeting	Wacaunda	Am Legion Post 911	8:00am	Bradbury
Tuesday, February 6th	General Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 pm	Rigsby
Saturday, February 10h	TC Banquet	Emmet	Palatine	4:30 pm	Smith/DeLordo
Friday, February 13th	Board Meeting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00pm	Rigsby
Tuesday, February 17th	NO IMS Breakfast	TBD	TBD	TBD	Rigsby
IDEAS?	Talk to	Greg or Rick	And get them	On the	Calendar!

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