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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 7 GENERAL MEETING
- 14 BOARD MEETING
- 23 NISRA FASHION SHOW

DECEMBER

- 5 GENERAL MEETING
- 12 BOARD MEETING

Talk to Greg Smith and David Ramirez and get your ideas on the calendar!





ROAR

PRESIDENT'S POINT

And Now a Word from your President...

Hello, Top Cats!



I cannot believe I am writing this article for the November ROAR (Thank you Mary!!) when the day time high for today was 82... Wow!! And tomorrow is going to be close to the same... Wow-er!!!...? Wow-more...?? Bigger WOW...?? I don't know... Anyway, I hope you are taking every opportunity to get out and enjoy a ride. Even if it is to the store, bank, colonoscopy, etc... Just make the most of it. I keep thinking the riding season is ending and I guess I am really Lucky, as it just keeps on going.. Definitely not complaining. Loving every minute of it! I hope you are too.

Activities from October...

Oct 12) Ride for Screams: The annual Rigsby's scary ride, lunch (hopefully not too scary) and campfire was changed up a bit this year because of the pending weather. The early weather predictions were good. But, then downgraded through the week so much so, we canceled the ride portion and just met at the house. The weather turned out great for the time we planned to ride and have lunch. And turned to rain later as folks headed or were just getting home. It was a great day.

Oct 27) G.R.A.S.S: Mike had arranged a GRASS class for October 27th at the Smith's Keller Williams office in Barrington. We had no RSVP's but made sure we showed up to give our members every opportunity to attend. I am disappointed with this as I know some of you need it... You know who you are... I can call you out...? Or, just be at the next class and we are cool. Anyway... We planned on a lunch ride if no attendees for the class, which there wasn't any, so we rode.

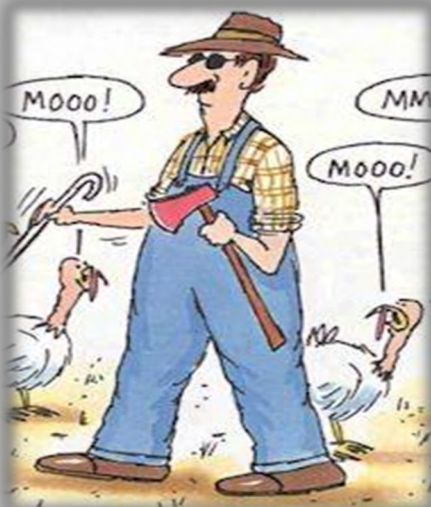
Activities for November...

No riding events are scheduled for November at this time. Keep your eyes open for any opportunities to get together, be it a ride or other event. Do it!

FYI...

Although our favorite Polish restaurant has closed. (I'll give you a moment to dry your eyes, so you can read the rest...). Ted is still planning a Toys for Tots ride in December. More to come on that.

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



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.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me at any time via my email: Gene.rigsby@gmail.com, or phone, 847-770-9425.

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



KAUTION KORNER

Recognizing the challenges faced by Older Motorcycle Riders!

By: **Michael Bradbury, Senior Road Captain and Safety Director**



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

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

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

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

Vision

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

vision an aged rider can find night riding especially dangerous

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

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

Physical Changes

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

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

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

Oil Spots

By Traveler



Winter Storage

Most riders take one last big epic ride before they park their bikes for the winter and freezing temperatures.



Prepare with an owner's manual or with

the motorcycle storage tips below. After one successful winter, every winter after that will be much easier.

Some riders see winter as the ideal time to make motorcycle customizations or enhancements. They drop their bikes off in the winter at a dealership and pick up their transformed custom pieces in the spring.

If you enjoy the ritual and want to self-storage it alone, here are essential tips to prepare your bike for winter storage.

A proper motorcycle winterization checklist helps ensure your motorcycle remains in good condition and is ready for use once the warmer weather returns.

Fluids

Freshen up those fluids. That means all of them: motor oil, clutch, brake, and coolant unless the last time you changed your clutch and brake fluid was a month ago, and a few hundred miles driven, stick to just changing the motor oil.

Changing fluids regularly is essential because they contain contaminants from regular usage, which become corrosive over time and can destroy rubber seals. In addition, the DOT4 brake fluid absorbs water and needs to be changed every two years.

Change The Oil

The last thing you want is your motorcycle sitting idle all winter, filled to the brim with oil contaminated with solvents and sediments.

Tend To The Battery

A good solution is to clean the battery electrodes and hook them up to a battery tender (or trickle charger) for the entire duration of the winter. If you properly winterize your motorcycle battery, it will help extend the longevity of the battery.

Change The Fob Battery

While we are on batteries, if your bike won't start in the spring, it may be for one of two reasons: you didn't trickle – charge your battery or you need to replace your FOB battery. There's nothing you can do about it, but your FOB battery will attempt to communicate with your bike all winter.

Check Your Tires

Ensure the tires are not worn to the extent that the wear bars are exposed. Also, check their inflation with an accurate gauge. Keep your motorcycle upright all winter to relieve pressure on the tires. If you do not use a lift, move the motorcycle at least once a month to prevent flat spots on the tires.

Prevent Rust: Scrub, Wash, Dry, And Wax

Wash and dry your bike thoroughly if you cover it because any moisture on your can cause corrosion and mold.

Wax and treat your paint and treat any chrome as well. This will add extra protection for your bike and it'll be spotless when you take it out in the spring. If you have leather seats or any leather items, treat them as well.

Inspect The Belt Drive

Before putting your bike away for the winter, inspect the inside and outside of the belt and look for chips, cuts, fraying, or missing teeth. Consult the owner's or service manual for the slack specification, measuring technique, and point at which to take the measurement.

Prep The Exhaust Pipe

Consider stuffing any openings in your bike so that creatures don't make their homes in them. Some people use plastic bags for this purpose.

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Oil Spots, continued...

Use The Correct Cover

A plastic cover is not the best motorcycle cover. It will trap moisture, potentially causing rust, corrosion, and mold. Instead, invest in a breathable cover.

Store In A Well-Ventilated Area

This way, air will circulate, and moisture or condensation won't collect under your cover. Just ensure there's no fertilizer or chemicals around your bike since they can end up corroding your motorcycle.

THE BOTTOM LINE ON WINTER MOTORCYCLE STORAGE

Storing a motorcycle for the winter is incredibly easy and something you can do after reading a manual, an article, or just watching a few YouTube videos.

Doing it yourself is a cheaper and sometimes a more reliable way of winterizing than a dealership....

COMMON WINTERIZING AND STORAGE MISTAKES?

Don't Start Your Bike Up Every Week

Just turning your bike on in the garage isn't a good idea.

If your bike is not brought up to the full operating temperature in cold temperatures, water may condense and end up in places where it doesn't belong (when you ride your bike, the moisture gets cooked off, and your battery receives a recharge).

Don't Drain Your Fuel Tank

Don't leave your gas tank empty unless you want it susceptible to corrosion and dried out seals. Instead, leave it full of gas and a quality fuel stabilizer additive. This is a vital step.

Without this treatment, the fuel turns into a crystallized, hard product and can clog carburetors and fuel injectors.

Don't Store A Dirty Bike

You'll want to clean your motorcycle of road grit, grime, and bugs because they'll eat away at any clear coat, anodized aluminum, polished metal finish, and stainless steel.

If you live in an area with salt or brine on the roads, you'll also want to clean your bike since that'll do a number on metal and rubber parts.

Before putting your bike away for winter, a final wash and wax is a good idea.

Don't Use A Cheap Cover Or A Tarp

You will want proper protection for your bike - especially if not stored in an enclosed storage unit. A poorly made cover may trap water, slip off, or chafe against the paint.

The result is that your bike will come out looking worse than when it went in.

SHOULD I CANCEL MY MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE IF I'M NOT RIDING IN THE WINTER?

There are several reasons not to cancel your motorcycle insurance policy during the winter months.

Warm Winter Days

While the seasons may change, unseasonably warm and clear winter days are perfect for a motorcycle ride. An uninsured ride, however, could expose you to an unforeseen incident and potential legal risk.

Don't Assume Motorcycle Thieves Take The Winter Off

The National Insurance Crime Bureau reports that 25% of all bike thefts occur in winter. Even vandalism could rob you of your motorcycle investment. Without Comprehensive coverage, you may not have insurance protection for these potential losses.

Unplanned Damage While In Storage

A significant winter storm, a fallen tree, or the possibility of fire should all be considered when evaluating the cancellation of your insurance policy. Remember, insurance is designed to protect you from unexpected and unplanned events. Without it, this type of incident may result in a total loss.

State Motorcycle Registration And Insurance Laws

Before canceling your motorcycle coverage, you must check with your local DMV regarding their registration law. Many states require continuous insurance coverage.



113 Employees Laid Off as Harley Davidson Dealership Closes

A prominent Harley-Davidson dealership in West Bend, Wisconsin, is set to close its doors on November 2, 2024, just days after another nearby dealership announced its impending closure for good in January.

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Oil Spots, continued...

This unexpected closure puts 113 employees out of work and raises concerns about the future of Harley-Davidson dealerships in the region.

Details of the Closure

An email was sent to customers of the West Bend dealership informing them of the seasonal change within the Harley-Davidson dealer network. The message stated:

“West Bend Harley-Davidson will be seasonally closed for motorcycle, parts, and merchandise sales on November 2, 2024. Subsequent to this, the West Bend store will reopen as a full-line dealership in the Spring on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.”

During the winter months, customers will still have access to services at the nearby Windy City’s Milwaukee Harley-Davidson dealership, located less than half an hour away at 11310 W. Silver Spring Road, Milwaukee, WI 53225. All current service work will be completed at the West Bend location, and motorcycles in for service will be returned to their respective owners from that store.

Impact of Recent Dealership Closures

Additionally, the sale of another Harley-Davidson dealership in Kewanee, Illinois, has been confirmed, with plans to transfer ownership to Walter Brothers Harley Davidson in Peoria, Illinois. The Kewanee dealership had been a family-run business for over 25 years.

The trend of closures continues with the announcement that a Harley-Davidson dealership in Long Island City, New York, also confirmed its closing, offering discounts of up to 75% in its final days. In recent months, Harley-Davidson has faced multiple dealership closures across the country, including Miracle City Harley-Davidson in Titusville, Florida, which shut its doors on September 1. The historic San Francisco Harley-Davidson dealership also closed after 110 years in business.

Conclusion

Harley-Davidson continues to operate over 1,400 independently owned dealerships worldwide. However, the recent spate of closures has raised questions about the brand’s presence in various regions and the overall stability of the dealership network.

Local HD Dealership Closings

With some confusion over local dealership closings, this might make you feel better:

These dealerships have, reportedly, temporarily consolidated with existing dealerships:



For Barbed Wire Harley-Davidson Customers: Fox River Harley-Davidson

For City Limits Harley-Davidson Customers: Lake Shore Harley-Davidson

For Chicago Harley-Davidson Wrigleyville Customers: Chicago Harley-Davidson

What if I prefer to move to a different dealership?

Within the Chicago market area, Windy City Motorcycle Company operates Chicago Harley-Davidson in Rosemont, Illinois; Illinois Harley-Davidson in Countryside, Illinois; Wild Fire Harley-Davidson in Villa Park, Illinois; Lake Shore Harley-Davidson in Libertyville, Illinois; Woodstock Harley-Davidson in Woodstock, Illinois; and Starved Rock Harley-Davidson in Ottawa, Illinois. In nearby Southern Wisconsin, Windy City Motorcycle Company operates Milwaukee Harley-Davidson in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Lake Geneva Harley-Davidson in Lake Geneva,

Wisconsin; and West Bend Harley-Davidson in West Bend, Wisconsin. For more information on the dealerships within the company, please vis-





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AMA Press Release:

*Urges defensive, distraction-free driving
and riding to keep everyone safe!*

PICKERINGTON, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association encourages motorists to watch out for motorcyclists — and other drivers — during the busy Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanksgiving travel, along with the hustle and bustle of Black Friday, equals busier roadways. Additionally, impaired and distracted driving become more prevalent during the holidays, putting all — especially motorcyclists — at risk.

“It’s still warm enough in some areas for great holiday riding,” said AMA President and CEO Rob Dingman. “Additionally, many off-road and dual sport riders often use the holiday weekend to ride, and many use or cross portions of public roadways, so the AMA asks all riders and drivers to operate their vehicles in a safe and responsible manner.”

“Don’t allow holiday excitement to impact your ability to safely operate a vehicle,” Dingman added. “Don’t ride or drive under the influence and remain focused on the road and the vehicles that occupy our nation’s roadways to ensure a safe holiday weekend for yourself and everyone.”



General Membership Meeting Minutes October 1st, 2024

Respectfully Submitted
by: Jane Smith

President's Section: Gene Rigbsy

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance
- ◆ Guests
- ◆ Deb Hysell – Guest of Bill Fulton

Announcements

Birthdays:

- ◆ Oct. 1 – Juergen Lutz
- ◆ Oct. 2 – Tom Malia
- ◆ Oct. 11 – Bozena Hasztrakiewicz
- ◆ Oct. 11 – Rick Agrimonti
- ◆ Oct. 30 – Gene Rigbsy

Anniversaries:

- ◆ Oct. 1 – Top Cats' 29th Anniversary (1995)

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick – No comments.

Safety: Mike Bradbury

Accident/Safety Review

- ◆ A short video was viewed discussing riding in colder weather. One suggestion was to wear layers of clothing or heated gear, but make sure the bike can manage the drain of heated gear. The group added some other ideas of a wind screen for coverage; handlebar covers to block wind; mechanical handwarmers put in boots, gloves or helmet; chaps or insulated pants or flannel lined jeans.
- ◆ The Kaution Korner tip was presented by Gene. He talked about cold weather riding. Days are shorter so plan your route accordingly, so you are not returning in the dark. More animals are also out at dusk. Plan the direction of your ride so you are not returning with the sun in your eyes as the sun is lower in the sky. Check out the entire article in the October ROAR for more conditions to watch out for.
- ◆ Next month Mike will present the tip which will be about strategies for riding as we get older.
- ◆ The last GRASS class for the year will be October 27 at the Keller Williams – Barrington office. Doors open at 8:00 am.

Membership: Ted Makarewicz

- ◆ Mitch Hicks, a guest last month, has joined the club. Welcome Mitch! Hope to see him on a ride soon.

Activities: Greg Smith

Recent Activities:

- ◆ Sept. 7 – Memorial Ride (Gene). Teamed up with Chicago Hog chapter. A “last rev” was done in memory of Ric Case at the starting point. Unfortunately, on the

ride there was an incident in a traffic circle and the rider was transported to the hospital. The others were able to catch up to join us for lunch in Williams Bay.

- ◆ Sept 8 – Big Boy Ride (Greg). Rode to Rochelle to see the legendary world's largest Big Boy #4014 steam locomotive. However, after waiting in traffic for 1-1/2 hours, and not near the entrance yet, the group opted to go to the lunch stop at the airport and was treated to a show by the Air Force practicing their skydiving. Fun day despite missing Big Boy.
- ◆ Sept 21 – Monroe Cheese Ride (Mike). A small group headed to Monroe, Wisconsin and enjoyed the cheese festival.

Future Activities:

- ◆ October 12 – Ride for Screams (Gene). Annual ride to scary places (???) and ending up at Rigby's for a campfire and food. Meeting at 8:45 am at the Shell station, 2070 Shell Dr., Libertyville. KSU at 9:00. Please RSVP by 10/10.
- ◆ October 26 – Holy Hill Ride (Ted). Fall ride to Holy Hill Basilica in southeastern Wisconsin. Lunch will be at Fox & Hounds in Hubertus, WI. More details will follow.
- ◆ December 1 – Toys 4 Tots Ride (Ted). We usually meet for breakfast at Podhalanka Polish restaurant in Chicago. More details will follow.
- ◆ Annual Sturgis ride – Bard has made tentative reservations at Alex Johnson. He will not be the road captain this year. No definite plans/reservations will be made until we find out who is interested in going.
- ◆ Front Range Ride – Wayne is planning another ride for next year. Once he knows who is interested in going, he can plan a route highlighting places riders want to go.
- ◆ October dates are open – let's fill them up!

Other Activities:

- ◆ The bi-annual Slimey Crud Racer Run, held on the 1st Sunday in May and October (10/6/24-this Sunday), starts in Pine Bluff, WI to Leland, WI. It is a gathering of all kinds of unique bikes, old and new.

Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- ◆ No date has been decided on for next year's event yet.

Products: Ted Makarewicz

- ◆ The business side of Land's End is set up for browsing and purchasing. Check it out.

50/50 Raffle: Andy Hasztrakiewicz (Absent) – 50/50 was won by our guest, Deb Hysell.

Meeting adjourned by Gene at 8:00 p.m.



Board Meeting Minutes October 8th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted
by: Mary Kirkpatrick for
Jane Smith

President's Section: Gene Rigsby

- ◆ Meeting - call to order
- ◆ Immediate needs: Nothing pressing!
- ◆ September 2, 2025 (The big 30..!!) The plan will be in the works soon!

Past President: Wayne Kirkpatrick

- ◆ Open discussion
- ◆ Election 2025 will be run by Wayne.

Treasurer: Don DeLordo

- ◆ Report/review: September to date has no changes. Nothing has been paid or deposited.
- ◆ Gene has the 50/50 money from the last meeting and a little more to be deposited.
- ◆ 2025 Dues has been \$75 for single and \$130 per couple. A discussion about the costs of things led to the suggestion of raising the dues. Everyone agreed that it is best to keep the dues the same.
- ◆ The invoice will include a space for making a donation for NISRA. There will be a 'suggested amount' of \$50 and an open amount.
- ◆ The Ride Waiver will be sent out to members with the invoice. It will be changed to read "I understand that my image may/will be used on the Top Cat website.

Activities: Greg Smith

Calendar review - September / October / Beyond
Review Past Events

- ◆ Cheese days ride - 9/21 - Mike Bradbury had a good time on the ride with Gene. The weather was great, but the time constraint limited what could be done. Maybe an overnight for the future?!

Future Events

- ◆ Ride for Screams!! - 10/12 – Rigsbys will be hosting all riders at their home for an afternoon picnic! This will follow a ride to some scary sights!
- ◆ G.R.A.S.S. - 10/27 - Mike Bradbury will schedule the teachers and let us know the details as the time gets closer.
- ◆ October 26: Ted will lead a ride to Holy Hill with an early dinner at Fox and Hounds.
- ◆ 2025 banquet for 2024: Planning, STD (Emmett's / Feb 15, 2025)

General Info: Gene will assist Greg in getting the blasts out for now. David Ramirez will need a little more training to get him up to speed so that he can become

good at the process. Gene will find time in the future to help him learn the details and then hand it off when David is ready.

Safety/RC: Mike Bradbury

- ◆ Safety topics
- ◆ GRASS requirements for 2025 will be changed to once a year. Don reviewed those members who will be needing to take the class in 2025.
- ◆ A discussion took place focusing on the numbers of riders on the rides for this year. It is challenging to get people to attend the rides.
- ◆ It was suggested that the attendance sheet for the year in the ROAR to hopefully spur more participation.
- ◆ Mike suggested that we look at a Holiday activity for the club. A dinner together or something like that.... Maybe ice fishing?? Gene is ready with all of the equipment.
- ◆ Mike will look for a video for the next meeting.

Membership/Products: Ted Makarewicz

Ted stated that we need new members, so that he can sell more products!

Charity: Mary Kirkpatrick

- ◆ Charity 2025 prep will begin soon. Mary is going to talk with NISRA, VA and Woodstock to determine which event date ~ 6/21 or 6/22 would work best. Mary to review and report back to the board.
- ◆ New ideas for the event or event options will be looked into for this year. The membership will be asked at the general meeting and Mary will put together a meeting to review.

Secretary: Jane Smith (absent)

No report

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 by Gene Rigsby,
President of Top Cats, Illinois!**



Top Cat's Elections!
By: Traveler

Remember, we will hold our annual elections at our 3 December 2024 general meeting.

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

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

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

Come to our 3 December meeting prepared to vote and congratulate our new Board for 2024.





Ride Safe and Vote, Vote, Vote!

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

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

<u>President (2025-2026):</u>	(Current nominee - Gene Rigsby)
<u>Vice President (2025):</u>	Open
<u>Director, Membership (2025-2026):</u>	(Current nominee - Ted Makarewicz)
<u>Director, Activities (2025-2026):</u>	(Current nominee - Greg Smith)

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

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

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

Gifts? Some Ideas to Explore!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



November Birthdays and Anniversaries!

- 5 Mike Bradbury
- 7 Andy Hay
- 16 Mark Sullivan
- 17 Emil Kornecki
- 26 Christine Kimball

Happy Days to our Top Cats Celebrities for November!

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



20 Diana and Rich Lanute

*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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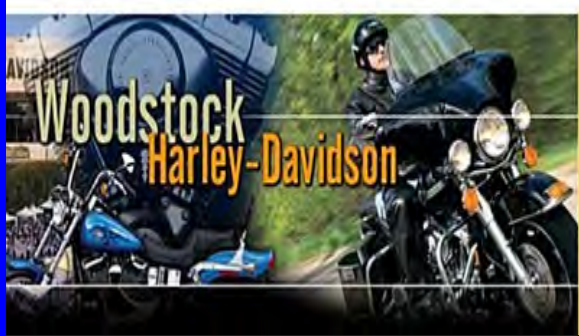


*Network with your fellow
Riders here...*

And Be Thankful!



Support the TOP CATS Patrons



Woodstock HD and Staff Support

Membership Has Its Privileges!

All suppliers and vendors who support the Top Cats by providing support to Top Cats members will be listed in ROAR.

Sign-up your favorite merchant today!

GRASS Classes are held at the Keller -Williams Offices!

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



Greg Smith

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(815) 770-0302

TAK MC (Primarily Harleys)

Contact: **Tim Harwood**

28841 N. Darrell Road

McHenry, IL 60051

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... Can we find ways to continue to help them?





RIDES & EVENTS

Date	Ride/Event	Location	Destination	Time	Leader
Tuesday, November 5th	General Meting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 PM	Rigsby
Tuesday, November 12th	Board Meting	Palatine	Alley 64	7:00 PM	Rigsby
Saturday, November 23rd	NISRA Fashion Show	Crystal Lake	Holiday Inn Crystal Lake	10:00 AM	MKirkpatrick
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