



Blue Knights

Wisconsin Chapter VI

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JANUARY 2008 MEETING

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During Summer riding months:

Dinner Rides leave at 6 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of each month

Brunch Rides leave at 10

a.m. 4th Sunday of each month

Meet at the Park & Ride lot
Hwy 45 & Watertown Plank Road

Monthly meetings

October - May

Third Tuesday each month,

7pm at Cassidy's
6317 W. Bluemound

Before the monthly meeting started, I informed the members in attendance, as the sign in sheet and card was being passed around that one of our own, Dale Nagel, was in poor health and is in a nursing facility. Dale is at the: Glenlake Terrace & Rehabilitation, 2222 14th St. Waukegan, IL 60085, and can have visitors.

The January meeting was called to order by President Hafeman at 7:12 pm. Present at the meeting were Dennis Hafeman, Jim Kindt, Carl Karwacki, Tina Chappell, Joe Kubicek, Bill & Cindy Drees, Brian Bortmess, George Markopoulos, Ted & Pat Engelbart, Mike Trapp, Jim Crouse, Kimberly Fisher, Steve Bzdusek, Chuck Homa, Pete Simet, Scott Wysocki, Greg Baur, Sandy Santoro, Bob McDermott, Bob Barr, Fernando Rojas and a very late Karlton Boswell.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Dennis introduced a new member who joined at the Packer/Bear game (Francisco) Fernando Rojas. Big round of applause....

SECRETARY REPORT:

Pete: I just want to make a correction from last months report. You did not have adult sizes but you had kid sizes. At this point, Pete made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and was seconded by Chuck....all in favor. As usual, Joe opposed.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Tina gave a run down of the chapters finances and the chapter is financially secure at this time. Joe asked Tina if she is keeping a separate tally for the rivet fund (50/50 drawing) and she said that she wasn't, but she could. Bill made a motion to accept the Treasurers report and was seconded by Chuck.....all in favor. No opposed (Joe stood mute).

OLD BUSINESS:

Packer/Bear game----Dennis: There was not a bad turnout for the big game. There were two WI chapters and two ILL chapters watching the game. Cindy: If anyone took pictures at the game, could you e-mail the photos to me at: cindy.drees@gmail.com.

X-mas party----Dennis: The chapter's party was not well attended by chapter members. I would like to have seen more people there but those who attended had a great time.

At this time, Dennis gave a break down on the cost of the party to the membership, along with showing a scrap book that Cindy put together on our International that we hosted.

Cindy: If anybody wants a copy for their archives, the cost is \$10.00 for the scrap book.

STATE CONVENTION-----Tina: At the last meeting, Dennis passed around some tentative art work and the theme we are working with is: Off Duty & Working on a Case. Tina passed around a final version of the art work. Brian has confirmed with Waukesha County Expo on the camping sites for tents & RV usage. The cost for camping: \$15.00 per night for tents and \$29.00 / \$22.00, with hook up / without hook up per night for RVs. The chapter also has the swine building (enclosed) to use in case of rain.

*** Blue Knight Wisconsin State Convention is June 20,21 & 22 ***

Tina: I need volunteers to help in all aspects of the convention (games & all around chores).

Tiny: It is not too early to start scouring for door & raffle prizes.

Joe: Does the chapter need to get a permit for beer to be served and Brian stated that no permit is needed by the chapter.

Tina: There are three hotels roughly 3 miles from the expo grounds, easy to get to.

Joe: Is the chapter going to offer a shuttle service for the masses, if somebody has use of a van.

Tina: I am taking any suggestions for dinner on Saturday night (trying to get away from grilling), if we have to.

NOTE: If you have any suggestions/ideas for Sat. night din-din, or volunteering your service for the good of the chapter, contact Tina by phone or e-mail.

No other convention or old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis: I have none.

Cindy: As you may well know, I have been running the chapter's web site for the last 5 years and I am looking for someone to take over the web site. Since moving up north, I can no longer do the job and if somebody is willing, I will show them the ropes.

**** We are looking for a new chapter Web Master/Mistress to take over for Cindy due to location change ****

No other new business to be discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dennis: What Carl reiterated on that Dale Nagel is in a nursing home. (See start of newsletter for info).

Greg: I have been named one of twelve on the Reader/Adviser Committee for the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel (or Urinal).

Bob M: Greg's article was in last Sundays Newspaper, along with his picture.

Bob B: I just want to know how a renewal for a honorary works if that person doesn't pay his dues, at which time Dennis advised the members.

Dennis: The new chapter, WIS XVIII, is looking to put in a bid for the Summer GLRC for the end of August, which would be the week before H-D 105th Anniversary, which is the 28th to the 31st. Wish them luck.

Chuck: With the e-mail that Carl put out, how many people renewed since then. Well Chuck, out of the 17 names that went out, 8 people renewed and I did not hear from the other 9.

NEXT MEETING.....FEBRUARY 19th, 2008 at 7:00 PM, at Cassidy's Bar, no Grill....SEE YOU THERE !!

Joe made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting and was seconded by Bill.....Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Ride with Pride
Secretary Carl "Wacko"

UPCOMING EVENTS		2008
February 2 nd	3 rd Annual Winter Blah's Roseville, Mn.	ALL MN
April 25-27	Spring G.L.R.C. Perrysburg, Oh	OH II
May 15—18	Police Memorial Cleveland, Oh contact: jcrouse@wi.rr.com	
June 11-14	Southwest Conference Santa Fe, NM Contact: www.bknm2.org (registration)	NM II
June 20-22	State Convention Waukesha, Wi	WI VI
July 20-25	International Convention Peoria, Il	ILL I

From *Your* Chapter President

Happy New Year everyone! Last month, I wrote to you about the state of our chapter, and what's been going on for the last year. This month, I submit a tale of hopes dashed and renewed, of the agony of defeat and the ecstasy of victory, and of towels and tiaras. In short, I write about the Crying Towel II Packer/Bear rematch.

Sunday, December 23, was a cold and blustery day, which should have indicated to the faithful Packers fans that Hell had indeed frozen over. With the Green and Gold playing in Soldier Field, the Blue

Knights of Illinois were traveling in the opposite direction to Cassidy's with hopes of leaving the famed Crying Towel north of the state line. By noon, 28 members and guests from four chapters had assembled. WI XI was represented by President Elect Ron Patla and his lovely wife, while IL V had Miles Cooperman and his Apple Pie as its rep. The usual suspects from WI VI and IL X were present, with Jim Crouse bringing guest Fernando Rojas (Fernando joined our chapter during the game-welcome aboard). WI VI was resplendent in new green shirts, designed by Joe Kubicek, which stated "after further review, the Bears still suck." With a quick lead by the Pack, it looked like we were on our way to sending the Towel back home. Well, we pished in the Football God's eye, and he blinked. The Bears came back big time, and by the fourth quarter it looked like yours truly would be holding on to the Crying Towel until next season. Final score Bears 35/Packers 7. Only copious amounts of beer and Apple Pie could dull the pain and humiliation of a Packer loss and a photo shoot wearing a pink tiara. But it was still a great party, with a noon game concluding at 6:30 PM! Cassidy's worked out just fine for a venue, with the bar being opened as a Blue Knights private party. The most disturbing quote of the day: "You gotta get in the car if you want to pet the puppy" (Jim Crouse). Trust me you don't want to know the context of *that* quote. To quote Jim McCarthy, president of IL X, "wait until next year!" The 2009 football season will bring the twelfth year of the Crying Towel Classic, and I encourage **ALL** of our chapter members to come and enjoy the frivolities.

On the subject of frivolities, I move on to the annual chapter Christmas party, which was back at the MPSO Union Hall on January 5. The party was sparsely attended, with 30 total members and guests present. In spite of the low turnout, a good time was had by all. I want to give special thanks and some well deserved recognition to the following members for their help and contributions to the success of the party: Joe and Doni Kubicek (food, soda, snacks, and set up), Carl "Wacko" and Janis (food), Pete Simet (dessert), and Gary Davey (donation of 1/2 barrel of beer). Thank you one and all; your contributions helped keep the cost low and the quality high. Members Randy Winkler and Paul Udvare made special guest appearances, thus assuring that their faces don't end up on milk cartons this year. The party rolled until 4 AM, when I was able to throw the last drunk out (that being me). As with the Crying Towel, remember that this party is open to **ALL** chapter members (your dues pay for it),

so you're missing out on the fun if you don't make the effort to attend.

If you're taking the time to read this column (and I hope that you are) and you haven't paid your chapter dues for 2008, this will be the last chapter newsletter you receive. The cutoff for renewals was January 15, so if you want to continue being a chapter member you'll need to pay \$40 and make out another application. Get your application and check in to Carl as soon as possible, so you don't miss out on everything that's going on this year.

And what a year it's shaping up to be! The 2008 International Convention (July 20-25) is in Peoria Illinois (mere hours away), and could be another "sleeper" like French Lick was. We are hosting the Wisconsin State Convention (June 20-22). WI XVIII (Wisconsin Dells) will be bidding for the 2008 Summer GLRC, with a tentative date of August 22-24, and will be held at Chula Vista if they win the bid. And of course there's a little birthday party being thrown by Harley that'll bring many of our brother and sister Blue Knights back to Milwaukee (August 28-31). And this is just a fraction of what's going on in the club locally. If you spend some time on the International web site you'll find conventions and rides that are taking place literally around the world. Spring can't come fast enough for me!

Lost in America,
"Wrongway" Dennis