



Blue Knights

Wisconsin Chapter VI

Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.

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MARCH 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 Alioto's
3041 N. Mayfair Rd.

The March meeting was called to order by President Hafeman at 7:15 PM. Present at the meeting were Dennis Hafeman & Laura Duff, Jim & Patti Kindt, Carl Karwacki & Janis Smolinski, Tina Chappell with mum Helen Fischer, Brian Bortmess, Bob McDermott, Pete Simet, Chuck Homa, Bob Barr, Scott Wysocki, Greg Baur, Kim Fisher, Gary & Mary Davey, John Karlovich, Herman Kremkau, Kevin Porter & Kris Hennen, Sandy & Nick Santoro, Ted & Pat Engelbart, Jim Crouse, Mark Meyer and newbies Andre & Kristi Bleickardt, with a guest appearance by Hilliary "I want to be like Bill" Clinton.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Dennis made the following introductions: Helen Fischer (Tina's Mom), Andre & Kristi Bleickardt and Herman Kremkau (who was at the last meeting) who turned in their membership applications. WELCOME to the Club!!

SECRETARY REPORT:

Bob M. made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and was seconded by John K...all in favor. Opposed as usual: Joe K.

TREASURER REPORT:

Tina gave her report to the members who were riveted to their seats in amazement. After her report, Bob M. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and was seconded by Chuck H....all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Convention----- Dennis handed the floor over to Tina: I have not done much the last few weeks due to the flu bug hitting me. What I need is for the members to start getting some quality door prizes. I received a box of locks from Master Lock, which will be in the goody bags. Also, I have been playing phone tag with the Rep for Budweiser and we have 8 people registered. Gary D. said that he would talk to his contact at Budweiser.

Tiny: I may have use of a special Unit van, from the W.C.S.D, for the weekend but the only problem is that whoever drives it has to be employed with the department.

Joe: I am just wondering if the chapter sent out the registration forms for the State convention to other chapters out of state (i.e. Illinois or others) and it was discussed that we had not sent out forms. Dennis will handle this.

Dennis: any other comments on the S.C.

Joe: I still have the game stuff at home, if we need it for the convention.

Dennis: As you know from last meeting, Mark Meyer is the chapter's new Web Master, taking over the duties from Cindy (who was in town last week with her trusty side kick Bill in tow to show Mark the ropes running the Web site). The only complaint Cindy had was that nobody who went on trips wrote any articles or sent any pictures to her for the web site.

Pete: Can a power point presentation be incorporated into the web site?

Dennis: You would have to talk to Mark about that.

Tina: As you know, Cindy made a scrap book and mailed it to Conrad Zvara, who is stationed in Kuwait.. Cindy is asking to be reimbursed her costs, which is \$10.00 for the scrap book and \$18.00 for postage overseas. A discussion was held on reimbursement to Cindy with tightwad Joe bickering. Bob M. made a motion to reimburse Cindy with a second by John K...all in favor with no opposition????? All were equally amazed!

No other comments or old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis: I have none.

Kevin: I and other members went to the fund raiser for Tom Vento back in early March and other chapters that were there gave monies to the cause. I'm just wondering why we don't give like other chapters that give to these events.

Greg: The chapter should develop a slush fund for such events.

Tina: The chapter does have x amount of dollars in the contingency fund.

Greg: Now is a good time to use this money.
Unknown person: I have to agree with Kevin, take a percentage to use.

Kevin: The chapter has to set up criteria on how to donate the funds to good causes.

Joe: I know that a couple of years ago the chapter was looking to donate to Make-a-Wish instead of Special Olympics and that idea just fizzled.

Dennis: On the 29th of this month, I am going out to Watertown for the Loyal Few fund raiser and see how they chose the Fallen Officer fund for their charity, how they went about it.

Kevin: The chapter has to set up guide lines on who & what to donate to.

Dennis: Any event that a member attends, colors have to be worn to show pride and represent the chapter.

Ted: I would like to see the chapter do something for Wisconsin officers. I went to the Vento fund raiser and the family came over to our table and thanked us for attending.

Dennis: It is about time the chapter looked ahead.

Jim: I am in agreement with Kevin & Ted that the chapter's donations stay locally.

John: I am in favor with the rest of the guys. I belong to the American Legion, Post 415 and we have an Honor Guard committee.

Greg: The chapter should stay locally with allocating funds.

Bob B: There is a lot of interest with the members at the meeting. The president should have these members form a committee.

Greg: We should have an Ad hoc committee.

Kevin: I would like to make a motion to have the chapter give to events for sick/injured officers and was seconded by Ted.

Greg: Before this motion is passed there should be a president for the Ad Hoc committee.

Tiny: The chapter has to have strict guide lines on how much to give and whom to give these monies to.

Chuck: The chapter should have memorial rides to benefit the cause every year.

Joe: As you know, officers who are killed in the line of duty, their families are well taken care of through insurance from the job. I think the bigger support should be to Blue Knights.

Dennis: Let us assemble a committee to look into the situation at hand and try to get away from Special Olympics. Let's form a three man committee to come up with a battle plan. {At this time, Jim C, Kevin P, Chuck H, & Ted E. all raised their hands}. Dennis also volunteered for the committee then named Kevin as Chairman and tabled any more discussion until next meeting.

Dennis: When do we want to bring back the Brunch & Dinner rides, which are the 2nd Wednesday and the 4th Sunday of each month? Consensus is to start the rides in April.

No other new business to be discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kevin: May 3rd is the Spaghetti dinner fund raiser for the Lannon PD.

Dennis: March 29th is the Loyal Few fund raiser.
April 6th is the Fool's 100 ride.
April 25-27 is the GLRC in Ohio.
{We will be leaving the Ryan Rd truck stop at 4:30 am on 4/25, contact Joe or Dennis}.
June 20-22 is the Wisconsin State convention.

July 13-18 is the International in Peoria.
July 12th is the Fire & Iron poker run.

Jim: For the Loyal Few fund raiser, we have the bus(van) to use. Contact Jim if you are going.

50/50 Drawing was drawn by newbie Kristi and was won by Tight Wad Joe Kubicek, who snatched the money and ran, which was \$63.00. The rivet kitty got the rest.

NEXT MEETING.....APRIL 15th, 2008 at 7:00 PM, at our new digs, Alioto's 3041 N. Mayfair Rd....SEE YOU THERE !!!!!!!

Greg B. made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting and was seconded by John K.....Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Ride with Pride
Secretary Carl "Wacko"

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UPCOMING EVENTS	2008
April 6 th	Fool's 100 Ride Freedom, Wi. WI V
April 25-27	Spring G.L.R.C. Perrysburg, Oh OH II
May 15-18	Police Memorial Cleveland, Oh See Crouse
June 11-14	Southwest Conference Santa Fe, NM NM II
June 20-22	State Convention Waukesha, Wi. WI VI
July	International Convention

On Sunday, March 2nd several members of our Blue Knights club attended the cancer benefit for Sgt. Tom Vento of the Brookfield Police Department. Tom and his wife were walking around the hall giving thanks to the many supporters. He came to my table and said thanks to me and to the Blue Knights attending the benefit. Blue Knights attending the benefit were Pat & I, Jim Crouse and his lovely wife Pork, Bob Barr, Steve Bzdusek, Kevin Porter, Eric Schmitt, Tina Chappell and Brian Bortmess.

Jim & Pork seem to attend all of the police related charity events and the other law enforcement motorcycle club fund raisers. If there was an award given to any member who shows support to these worthy causes, it would have to go to Jim. It's too bad that more of our members aren't attending these events. When we hold a charity event such as a poker ride or sweetheart dance we appreciate it when other motorcycle clubs show up to support us, well I believe that it is a two way street.

Well, back to the cancer benefit the hall was packed. There was good music by the band "Heat" (my daughter's band) and there was a

silent auction and raffles. There was beer, soda and free food. I was very happy to see several active and retired members from the various police departments that I had the pleasure of working with while I was still with the Milwaukee Police Department. It was great to see all of the support for Tom and his family from his brothers & sisters in the law enforcement arena. For those of you that were unable to attend consider attending the next similar event and make sure **YOU WEAR YOUR COLORS.**

From Your

Chapter President

Less than a week ago we had a glimmer of spring. Like the sighting of the first robins I saw many a bike on the road. Joe Kubicek rode his scooter to the last chapter meeting, showing up neatly shorn like a spring lamb. But that was a week ago. Of course we all know that Mother Nature gave us a sucker punch that made the winter of 2007-08 the second snowiest on record. Well, that just proves that this winter is officially "Number Two" in everyone's book. It sure is in mine.

In spite of the latest wintry offering bestowed on us, the riding season is truly just around the corner. The Fool's 100 is a mere two weeks away (April 6), and this ride is always my target to have my bike up and running for the year. Flyers are starting to pour in with various poker runs, bike blessings, and of course Blue Knights conventions. Check out the Blue Knights web site (www.blueknights.org) under the "chapters" link to see all the available events. As always, our secretary "Wacko" keeps the ride schedule up to date, and includes flyers for any events we get. I strongly encourage everyone who attends these rides to wear your Blue Knights colors and represent our chapter with pride.

Politics, like death and taxes, are inevitable. 2008 is an election year for International officers, the Board of Governors, the GLRC executive board, and our chapter executive board. Hell, the only person not running for office is the janitor at the International

building! With elections come the slew of campaign speeches and flyers from office seekers. Take the time to read about these candidates and where they stand on issues affecting our club. And especially take the time to **VOTE!** Although elections are still a few months away, I'll start harping about voting now. Our last International President won his office by a mere 91 votes, and only 4,874 of 19,253 ballots were returned. That's only 26% of our members voting for the people who run our club. That's deplorable. So **VOTE!** If you don't vote, don't bitch about how things are being run. Ask your executive board members (or any long time Blue Knights) about the candidates for office if you're not familiar with them. But ultimately it's your decision and your vote that counts.

Next month I'll have field reports from the Loyal Few fund raiser (3/29) and weather permitting from the Fool's 100. Also at the April chapter meeting (4/15) I'll have any issues that may be up for voting at the Spring GLRC with me for us to discuss and vote on. As *your* representative I want to be able to cast my vote for *your* decision on these matters, so make a point of coming to Alioto's for the next meeting.

Lost in America,
"Wrongway Dennis"



Greetings to all Wisconsin BK Chapters.

As you recall I tossed out a recruitment idea a few weeks ago and did get some good feed back on the idea.

So here it is, WI II would like to host a Pistol shoot and Cookout with the goal to use this time to bring new potential members to the various Blue Knight chapters, meet other chapters, give you a reason to take a ride, and raise some cash for future events or donations to a cause.

We want to hold the event on Sunday June 1st, 2008.

**Deerfield Pistol and Archery Center
43 N Main St.
Deerfield, WI**

**Register at 11:00 am
Shoot starts at Noon
Cookout to follow**

Course of fire, 4 courses of 10 to 15 rounds per course.

Total of all courses, with a prize to top 3.

Cost, a donation to participate.

Some raffles

Officers bring own weapon and ammo, ammo can be purchased at the range as well.

In order to plan for food, drink etc... We ask for a RSVP to Bruce Gondert at brrago2001@yahoo.com by **MAY 5TH, 2008.**

In order to get food , drink, blah, blah, blah.

I would ask that the sooner you can confirm a number of people the better.

Wife, girl friends, new members, or officers that a interested in joining a Blue Knights chapter are welcome.

**No pets, shirt tail relations or groupies please.
This a Law Enforcement / BK EVENT.**

The Gun shop will also be open that day for you.

Well that's about it, hope to hear from you soon !

RWP

**Bruce R. Gondert
President WI II.**