



Blue Knights

Wisconsin Chapter VI

Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.

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APRIL 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

The April meeting was called to order by President Hafeman at 7: 15 pm. Present at the meeting were Dennis Hafeman, Jim Kindt, Tina Chappell, Kim Fisher, Fernando Rojas, Herman Kremkau, Greg Baur, Paul serdynski, Bob McDermott, Chuck Homa, Gary & Mary Davey, George Markopoulos, Steve Bzdusek, Bob Barr, Kevin Porter, Mark Meyer, Scott Wysocki, Jim Crouse and Andre & Kristi Bleickardt.

NOTE: Many of you were probably wondering where your Secretary was and he was at home suffering with an unknown flu bug. I want to "THANK" Treasurer Tina for taking the minutes of the meeting for me.

INTRODUCTIONS: None.

SECRETARY REPORT:

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Bob M. and was seconded by Greg B..... Majority in favor, with Tiny & Joe (in absentee) opposing.

TREASURER REPORT:

A motion to waive the reading of the report was made by Bob M. and was seconded by Greg B....All in favor with no opposition.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Convention: Tina—All things are set for the Expo grounds. I still need coolers, an electric frying pan, charcoal grills and DOOR PRIZES!!!!!! Please let me know if you have any of these items. Dennis—it will be another 14 years before we host this event again, so let's go out in style. Everyone pitch in!

Change in Charities: Kevin—Our committee came up with a plan for a new donation fund. We would donate to Police Officers and Blue Knights that are dealing with a catastrophic emergency, i.e. cancer. We would not donate to established rides or events (but encourage our members to attend them and donate as they wish). We would prefer State Blue Knights or SE Wisconsin Officers. The donations would vary in amount from \$25 to \$500 each, and only one donation per officer per year. The donations would be decided upon when a chapter member brings a cause before the membership at a meeting and the members present at that meeting would vote whether or not to donate to that cause.

During the months that there are no meetings (June thru August), the members with a cause will inform the Board of the donation they think is worthy, and the Board will discuss and vote whether or not to donate to that cause, and the membership will be notified about the donation in the following newsletter. We would use the current contingency fund, and change the name to the " Assist an Officer Fund". The total amount of this fund plus the amount in the treasury shall not exceed \$20,000, to avoid tax complications. Only the fund will be used for donations. The chapter treasury will not be used for this cause.

Discussion: Bob M— Will every chapter member vote or just the ones present at the meeting? Dennis—Just members at the meeting. Greg B—Should we have a cap of \$250, and if the donation is for more, we table the vote until the next meeting and put it in the newsletter so other members can come and vote? Tiny—We set amounts to donate at meetings for Special Olympics and vote. Kevin—Sometimes donations are time sensitive and can not wait until the next meeting. Dennis—If members want to have a say, they should show up at meetings. Let's get something up and running now and we can always fine tune the rules later. And if we get it all the way we want, we can always put it in the By-Laws. Chuck—I make a motion that the Board can make decisions and vote by majority for donations when there are no meetings in the summer. Second by George M. Passed with no opposition. Steve B—I make a motion to accept the plan for donations as outlined by Kevin and Dennis in the "Assist an Officer Fund" which was read by Dennis. Second by Greg and passed with no opposition.

NEW BUSINESS:
None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spring GLRC: Dennis—The group will be meeting on Friday, April 25th and leaving at 4:30 am (o dark thirty) from the Park & Ride lot at 13th & Ryan Rd.

Police Memorial: Anyone wanting to ride along to the Police Memorial in Cleveland, meet at the Shell station at 13th & College at 4:00 am (o dark whenever) on Thursday, May 15th.

Special Olympics: Tiny will not be able to attend the Special Olympics celebration in Stevens Point on June 5-7. He has two tickets and needs someone to go in his place. Give the BIG GUY a call for more info.

Brunch Ride: For those of you not going to the Spring GLRC, the Sunday Brunch ride this month is April 27th.

NEXT MEETING.....Tuesday, May 20th, 2008 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's....SEE YOU THERE!!!!

Bob M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Greg B...Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2008

May 3 rd	Spaghetti Dinner Willie's Lannon House
May 3 rd	Bike Blessing Jefferson, Wi
May 15-18	Police Memorial Cleveland, Oh.
May 17 th	Memorial Ride WI III Spring Valley, Wi.
May 26 th	Veteran's Tribute Ride King, Wi. WI XI
June 11-14	Southwest Conference Santa Fe, NM. NM II

June 14 th	Summer Donut/Brat Feed Wis. Dells, Wi. WI XVIII
June 20-22	State Convention Waukesha, Wi. WI VI
June 22 nd	Challenge Run Libertyville, Il ILL XII
July 20-25	International Convention Peoria, IL ILL I

From Your Chapter President

Greetings everyone! Well, the snow has finally melted, and I'm sure most if not all of you are back on the road. Officially my bike "Bonnie Blue" was up and running on April 2, just in time for the Fool's 100 (more on that later). Call me overprotective, but here's a spring check list we all need to do. Check your battery, tire pressure, tire tread, and oil and tranny fluid levels. For us Harley riders check to make sure all bolts are tight so we don't lose any parts. And check your attitude! I know that a lot of us are great riders, but not riding for a couple of months makes us all a little rusty. Take it easy those first few rides until you get back in the groove. Now, on to road tales!

March 29 found your humble narrator, Jim and "Pork" Crouse, Gary and Mary Davey, Ted Englebart and George Markopoulos at the Third Annual Loyal Few MC fund raiser, which was at Settler's Bay in Watertown. Besides WI VI, the Blue Knights had members of WI II present, as well as members from The Patriot Riders, Renegade Pigs, Eagle Riders, Knights Paladin, and Loyal Few members from the mother chapter in Texas. They had a decent turnout, with lots of beer and great food for your meager \$20 admission. Another \$20 bought me a wing span of raffle tickets, which are 46 tickets in case you're wondering (besting Jim's 43). Unfortunately they were 46 losers. On the other hand George cleaned up, winning a GPS unit, air compressor and framed photo of a girl in a bikini. I'm hoping for his sake that this last item was a gift certificate redeemable for the real deal and not just a print. It all went to a great cause, as the Loyal Few use the money for a Fallen Officers Fund. I did manage to "tuck a sawbuck" on a wandering stripper who was collecting tips for the Fallen Officer Fund, and managed to get an unused "G" string for my efforts. You can't

make this stuff up! I'm planning on using it for an eye patch for Pirates of the Caribbean dress up night here at home.

April 6 was the 30th Annual running of the Fool's 100, hosted by the members of WI V (Fox Valley). The weather was picture perfect, with clear skies and temps in the 50's. Carl "Wacko" and Janis, Jim Bagurdes and I set out at 7:00 AM for the Colonial House Supper Club in Freedom, WI. It looked like it was going to be a winner this year, with Carl not getting us lost again and arriving in plenty of time to actually go on the ride. The Wisconsin Blue Knights were well represented, with members of WI II, IV, V, VI, X, and XI showing up. Now *that's* the way to support your fellow Knights. While pulling traffic control duty on a corner I tried to count the bikes present, but lost count around 300! The route was excellent, with few small towns to traverse and most of the run done at highway speeds and no mishaps. WI V did their usual outstanding job running the event. Now for the part of the story I like to call my personal Fool's 250. On the ride home I was in 7th Heaven. The bike was running like a champ (75ish in 6th gear all the way), my vest was flying in the breeze like a cape, and I had a big grin on my face enjoying that first big ride of the year. It couldn't get any better than this! I pulled into the driveway after a 364 mile day, a little sore from the ride (it's a bitch getting older, but that's why God created Advil) but still happy as a pig in slop. This euphoria lasted until I realized that my vest pockets were now empty, which of course they weren't when I started back home. Naturally all the crap I could care less about was still in them.

So to sum it up: WI II challenge coin \$10, commemorative Fool's 100 pin \$10, custom pen \$10, cell phone \$210, learning to button your vest before riding off at Mach 5 PRICELESS! It figures that the cell phone that I rarely carry and never use would be the one expensive item I would lose. Well, Laura ended up with a new phone out of it, but that's another story. Next month I'll have all the details from the 32nd Annual Spring GLRC in Perrysburg Ohio. With all the flyers we've been getting lately there's hardly a weekend that goes by that doesn't have an event to attend or a ride to go on. So put on your colors, fire up your scoot and ride with pride! See you down the road.

Lost in America,
"Wrongway" Dennis