



Blue Knights

Wisconsin Chapter VI

Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.

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MAY 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 May meeting was called to order by V.P. Kindt at 7:08 pm. Present at the meeting were Jim Kindt, Carl Karwacki & Janis Smolinski, Tina Chappell, Brian Bortmess, Gary & Mary Davey, Scott Wysocki, Chuck Homa, Mark Meyer, Kevin Porter & Kriss Hennen, Sandy Santoro, Herman Kremkau, Paul Serdynski, Robert E. Barr, Kimberly Fisher, George Markopoulos, Ted & Pat Engelbart and Jim Crouse.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Brian introduced Jeff" aka Spinner" Greb, retired Waukesha Co Sheriff and Paul introduced his good friend Ron Fuhr.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Sandy S. made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and was seconded by Chuck H....all in favor. No opposition.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Tina gave a breakdown on the chapters finances, which included the State Convention and the chapter seems to be in good shape. Chuck H. made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as given and was seconded by Sandy S.....all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Convention----Tina: So far 21 people have registered for the convention, with 3 chapter members registered and I have received phone calls from people whom plan on attending. Tina read over a list on what she has and what is still needed to make this convention a smashing success, but everything is right on track. Tina also stressed on members getting quality door prizes. [Kim Fisher brought in a big box of door prizes that she obtained from various vendors and Tina stated that she has obtained some prizes.]-----Brian B. made a motion to take monies form the treasury, \$300.00, to buy door prizes for the convention and was seconded by Kevin P. After a brief discussion by the members in attendance, it was decided to keep the funds in reserve pending the outcome of members obtaining door prizes and then use the money allotted. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

Note: Keep Tina posted, by phone or email, if you obtained door prizes for the convention.

No other convention or old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motorcycle Training—Tiny handed the floor over to Jeff “aka Lt Spinner” Greb, retired Waukesha County Sheriff, who taught the M.S.F. course at Hal’s & the House and now teaches at W.C.T.C. Jeff spoke to the members about the pros & cons of the training that is taught and he encouraged members to take a refresher course, to hone their skills at riding. After Jeff’s speech, a round of applause was given by the members.

No other new business to be discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dennis: From his May agenda.

- 1. 2008 Summer GLRC in Wisconsin Dells August 22-24. See WI XVIII web site for on line registration and hotel info.
- 2. 2009 Spring GLRC in Watertown May 1-3. See WI II web site for registration form and hotel info.
- 3. Rooms are still available for the 2008 International convention in Peoria July 20-25. You can down load a paper registration form on the ILL I web site or the GLRC web site.
- 4. Upcoming bids for the 2010 International Convention: Montana I (Billings) and Virginia V (Chesapeake). They will be voting on this at the Board of Governors meeting at the Peoria Int’l. Think about where you would like to go and let me know on how to vote for WI VI.

Paul S: St. Joe’s in Big Bend is having a Bike Blessing & ride on June 21st.

Kevin P: June 28 is the Jay Balchunas ride starting at Hal’s. Go to: www.journeyforjay.org for registration form and general info.

Somebody brought up the ride to fund the Waukesha Co.So. Doggie patrol, set for June 8.

Carl: June 28 is the Dave Raposo poker run starting at Harbor Lights in Winthrop Harbor, IL. Registration starting at 10:00am.

Chuck: Brunch ride this Sunday, 10:00am.

NEXT MEETING.....Tuesday, June 17th, 2008 at 7:00 PM at Alioto’s.....SEE YOU THERE !!!!

Ted E. made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting and was seconded by Jim C....Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2008

June 11-14	Southwest Conference Santa Fe, NM.	NM II
June 14	Summer Donut/Brat Feed Wis. Dells, Wi.	WI XVIII
June 20-22	State Convention Waukesha, Wi.	WI VI
June 22	Challenge Run Libertyville, IL.	ILL XII
July 20-25	International Convention Peoria, IL.	ILL I
August 22-24	Summer GLRC Wis. Dells, Wi.	WI XVIII

2009

May 1-3	Spring GLRC Watertown, Wi.	WI II
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UNCLE CARL'S FOR SALE CORNER

1. Zeppelin air seat for H-D for FLH model with 5 adjustable air supports. 1 year old. Sold for \$800.00, asking \$650.00. Contact Jim "Tiny" at home: 262-662-4342 or at jimkindt@yahoo.com.
2. Kompact Kamp tow behind motorcycle trailer, white in color with a swivel hitch. Excellent condition. Contact John Karlovich at 262-679-4900 or at muzicmeister@wi.rr.com. Unknown on price or if sold.

From Your Chapter President

Yes, you'll hear it from me first: I WUSSED OUT! After a day of listening to every weatherman in the state tell me I was riding into a severe weather system, Tiny and I decided to take my car to the Spring GLRC in Perrysburg Ohio. I awoke to what sounded like a waterfall on the roof at 4:20 AM on departure day, and smiling said to myself "self, you're making a good decision." Tiny and Patti were over at 6:00 AM, and we were underway beneath very overcast skies. Of course there wasn't a drop of rain to be had all weekend long! Just my luck; when we hit Ohio it was 80 and sunny. So I got the wind up over nothing, and will have to spend the rest of the riding season and quite possibly my life listening to Joe Kubicek's shots about driving to the GLRC.

The 32nd Spring GLRC was a blast as always. Our hosts, OH II, did a great job. After checking into our hotel (which we shared with a women's bowling convention) it was off to the hospitality suite to renew acquaintances and meet new friends over many a frosty beverage. Wisconsin was well represented, with members from WI II, VI, VIII, XI, and XVIII present. It was the first event for our new Wisconsin chapter (XVIII), and they showed their mettle in true Wisconsin style. Although honors for closing the hospitality suite still stay with our chapter, WI XVIII showed they can hang with the big dogs and partied hard all night. Besides myself and Tiny and Patti Kindt, WI VI was proudly represented by Joe and Doni Kubicek, "Wacko" and Janis, and Cindy Drees (remember, Bill jumped ship and joined WI XVIII). The talents of the DJ were overshadowed by the karaoke and air guitar performance Carl "Guitar Hero" Wacko treated us to.

After my usual post Friday night breakfast of Advil, Tums, and Visine it was off to the morning business

meeting. Although it was a long one the highlights were few. I'll quickly share them with you: WI XVIII won the bid for the 2008 Summer GLRC, which is being held at Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells on August 22-24. Chapter President Jody Ward made a presentation worthy of an International Convention bid. Who knows, maybe we'll be having an International there someday. WI II President Bruce Gondert gave an update on the 2009 Spring GLRC, which his chapter is hosting. Registration forms and info on both of these events can be found on the respective chapter's web sites. You're not going to see a regional conference (let alone two of them back to back) so close to Milwaukee, so I strongly urge you to come to these GLRCs and support your brother and sister Wisconsin Blue Knights. There were no bids for the 2009 Summer or 2010 Spring GLRCs. On the International front, San Antonio had to withdraw their bid for the 2010 International Convention. Apparently they couldn't find an affordable hotel. Rumor has it that Billings Montana is entertaining a bid. We'll see in Peoria who if anyone is bidding.

As you may know, 2008 is an election year for damn near every position in the Blue Knights. The GLRC was no exception to this. Our International Rep Bill "Bam Bam" Brown announced that he will be retiring from this position after 12 years effective at the 2008 Summer GLRC, and will not be seeking any other office. Nominations were held for the 2008-2010 GLRC board, and the following members were nominated: John Gordon (OH XVIII) for International Rep, Bill Drees (WI XVIII) for Chairman, Bill Haylett (NY V) for Vice Chairman, and Dennis Hafeman (WI VI) for Secretary/Treasurer. All nominees accepted, and all were running unopposed. The new GLRC board will take office at the 2008 Summer GLRC. It'll be at this meeting that I'll be stepping down as the Wisconsin State Rep and Bill Drees will appoint my replacement. John Taffe (ONT IV) stepped down as the Ontario/NY V Rep and GLRC Web Master Paul Croteau (ONT VI) was named as his replacement.

With the business for the weekend over, it was off to Tony Packo's for lunch. Tony Packo's is famous for being mentioned by Cpl. Klinger seven times in the M*A*S*H* TV series. It's also famous for its hot dogs, specifically the MOAD (Mother Of All Dogs). The MOAD is the John Holmes of the hot dog world; about a foot long and easily an inch around. Seeing one made me feel inferior for some weird reason. Anyway, Bill and Joe couldn't get the whole thing down (you can read anything you want into *that*). I contented myself with two smaller chili dogs and quietly harbored my wiener envy.

Later Saturday night it was time for us all to gather for the banquet. This was the first time I had to sit at the head table (as the Acting Sec/Treas). It was a plus, as you get to eat first and you get a ring side seat for all the entertainment. The local military academy presented the colors and treated everyone to a display of rifle twirling. The newest GLRC award, the “WTF Rita”, was presented to Rita Hornbrook (Indiana State Rep) for the night she locked herself **inside** a stolen car and couldn’t get out. Long story... It was cool to watch the Traveling “Fickle Finger” trophy go to WI XVIII; this trophy is awarded to the next chapter to host a GLRC. They’ll be giving it over to WI II in August. Afterwards it was more socializing and goodbyes, as we had that long and **dry** drive home.

I can’t urge you all enough to come to one of the regional conventions. It’s a great way to meet other Blue Knights from our conference as well as some of the International officers (they’ll be out in force this year campaigning for office). With the next two conventions here in Wisconsin, the time couldn’t be better for you to attend a GLRC.

Lost in America,
“Wrongway” Dennis