



# Blue Knights

## Wisconsin Chapter VI

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JUNE 2008 MEETING

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### **During Summer riding months:**

Dinner Rides leave at 6 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

Brunch Rides leave at 10

a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Before I start the newsletter, I would like to thank Tina for taking the minutes of the meeting for me, since I was out of town in sunny & HOT New Mexico/Arizona. Thanks Tina.....

The June meeting was called to order by President Hafeman at 7:10 pm. Present at the meeting were Dennis Hafeman & Laura Duff, Jim Kindt, Tina Chappell, Joe Kubicek, Brian Bortmess, Andre & Kristi Bleickardt, Jim Crouse, Mike Trapp, Jesse Benitez, Sandy Santoro, Gary & Mary Davey, Pete Simet, Chuck Homa, Paul Serdyski and Herman Kremkau.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Introduced at the meeting were: Wendell Kendrick of Harley-Davidson Fleet Sales and Mike Pierzchala, Retired MPD.

### **SECRETARY REPORT:**

Pete S. made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and was seconded by Jim C....all in favor. Joe K. opposed as usual.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Tina gave her usually fine report of the chapters finances. Joe K. made a motion to accept her report and was seconded by Chuck H....all in favor.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

State Convention---Tina: We have 47 registered so far, with more that will be registering at the event. I found out today that besides us, there will be a 4H horse show on Saturday afternoon, a Monster Truck rally Friday and Saturday nights and a gun show Friday and Saturday at the Expo grounds. No other old business to be discussed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Wendell Kendrick on the Harley 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Harley is putting on a seminar and skills competition for active police officers at the Summerfest grounds on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for people to be judges at the competition. You and your spouses (significant others) are invited to be judges, and in return you will receive wristbands for both days of the Harley event and free parking. The proceeds of this will go to benefit COPS.

If you are interested in participating on one or both days, contact Joe Kubicek by phone or e-mail. You are encouraged to wear your colors if participating.

Dennis: Bill Drees has transferred to the Dells chapter, so we need to replace him as Director until the elections in December. The board appointed Scott Wysocki as Director.

Dennis: The 2010 International Convention nominees are Montana I (Billings) and Virginia V (Chesapeake). Voting will be done at the Peoria convention. The members present voted unanimously for Montana. Dennis will vote for Montana for our chapter.

Jim K: Just a reminder that nominations for the new board will be taken in November, so if you are interested in running, make sure you get your letter on intention in to the board or have someone to nominate you at the November meeting.

Pete S: If any member is interested in a Ride In to the Harley 105<sup>th</sup>, contact yours truly (Pete), by phone or e-mail.

Dennis: The International Convention in Peoria still has rooms available at the host hotel, but the registration deadline is fast approaching under the Blue Knights. Get your reservation in if you plan to attend.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Summer GLRC is in the Dells Aug. 22-24. This is a new chapter so let us all show up and support them! This promises to be a great event!
2. Spring GLRC will be in Watertown on May 1-3, 2009. Another fairly new chapter, so lets get out and support them!
3. August 10<sup>th</sup> Manitowoc chapter WIS IX is holding their Knights Ride to Remember.

4. Dave Mulford is looking for someone to share the cost of a room at the International Convention in Peoria.
5. The June Brunch ride has been postponed to the last Sunday in June, which is the 29<sup>th</sup>.
6. The Fox & Hound restaurant near Holy Hill has a special on Monday thru Thursday afternoons, buy one entrée and get one free! On Wednesdays, they have an all you can eat fish fry (not part of the special) for only \$4.95. What a deal!!!!!!

**NEXT MEETING**.....Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's....SEE YOU THERE!!

50/50 was again captured by Joe K. His take was \$42.50.

Pete S. made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting and was seconded by everyone in attendance....Meeting adjourned at unknown time???

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **2008**

July 20-25	International Convention Peoria, IL ILL I
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Knights Ride to Remember Manitowoc, Wi WI IX
August 22-24	Summer GLRC Wis. Dells, Wi WI XVIII

#### **2009**

May 1-3	Spring GLRC Watertown, Wi WI II
June 3-6	Southwest Conference Ventura, Ca CA XI

## UNCLE CARL'S FOR SALE CORNER

1. Zepplin air seat for H-D FLH models 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](mailto:jimkindt@yahoo.com)
2. Kompact Kamp tow behind motorcycle trailer, white in color with a swivel hitch. Excellent condition. Contact John Karlovich at home: 262-679-4900 or at [muzicmeister@wi.rr.com](mailto:muzicmeister@wi.rr.com) for price.
3. OEM seat (rider/passenger) for a 2003 Honda Valkarie. Mint condition. Asking price: \$500.00 or OBO. Contact Mary Zvara at home: 414-321-7103 or at 414-791-5667 (C).

## From *Your* Chapter President

2008 Wisconsin State Convention (June 20-22, 2008)

Well, it's official; we're out of the convention business for the next few years (13 to be exact)! And we went out in style. The 2008 Wisconsin State Convention was a great time, and the inconveniences of rain, mosquitoes, and rednecks didn't ruin the good times we have when we all get together. With that said, let me give you a run down of the weekend.

This saga gets rolling on Friday, when the staff of the Waukesha Fair Grounds informed us that we'd be sharing the grounds with a monster truck rally, a 4H horse show, and a gun show. It sounded like a tailor made Blue Knights weekend; cops, beer, guns and monster trucks. As the evening progressed, our brother and sister Blue Knights from around the state began to arrive. The evening's festivities included meatball sandwiches, plenty of beverages, and lots of catching up with old friends. I was pleased to see new faces from our chapter show up (I would have liked to have seen MORE of our chapter though). Steve Bduszek and Brenda, Gary and Mary Davey, Jim and Debbie Bagurdes, Kim Fischer and Dave experienced their first State Convention, while veteran campaigners Joe and Doni Kubicek, "Tiny" and Patti Kindt, Tina Chappell, Brian Bortmess, Cindy Drees, Randy Winkler, Laura and I rounded out the WI VI

crew. The rain held off until late Friday evening, so it didn't affect our fun. Kim Fischer learned a valuable lesson about high winds and the necessity of staking your tent down. Without going into too many details, imagine someone chasing a tent that resembled a tumble weed about a quarter of a mile across a field, and you'll get the picture. "Tiny" had a bit of a run in with some rednecks who foolishly thought they could park in our area to watch the monster trucks. The bad news is that when "Tiny" was escorting them out (he had a Waukesha under cover vehicle) two decided to escalate to a physical confrontation. The good news is that it *was* "Tiny", and after one redneck was introduced to the hood of the car the others decided it was best to go be stupid elsewhere. For some strange reason nobody else bothered us the rest of the weekend.

After a hearty breakfast Saturday morning courtesy of Tina, Laura, Mark Meyer, and I it was on to a full day of activities. Chapter Ride Captain Pete Simet rolled in to lead two very well received organized rides (even though local road closings threw a monkey wrench in his afternoon route). Joe, Doni, and I ran the bike skills games, which were fun for both competitors and judges. Overall top honors went to Chad and Ronnie Garcia of WI II, with 22 out of 26 possible points. WI VI did very well in the competition, with Steve Bduszek and Brenda, and Kim Fischer and Dave sharing second place. Joe and Doni took third, but I should mention that the top three spots were all separated by one mere point. Joe did smoke the competition in the individual slow ride to take home the gold, with a top time of 17.74 seconds. Honorable mention goes to competitors Dane Nelsen and Karen (WI X), Bill and Cindy Drees (WI XVIII/VI), Jim and Debbie Bagurdes (WI VI), and Douglas Winker and Peggy. All competitors walked away with a prize. Way to go everyone!

Saturday night was the state business meeting, which is conducted by the GLRC Wisconsin State Rep. This was to be my last time running the meeting, as I'll be stepping down as the State Rep at the 2008 Summer GLRC to take office as the GLRC Secretary/Treasurer. Here are the highlights from the meeting (if you want the fine details contact me and I'll fill you in). There were 9 out of 14 Wisconsin chapters represented: WI II, IV, V, VI, VIII, X, XI, XV, and XVIII. WI XII (West Bend) appears to have folded without explanation. We did have WI XVIII (Wisconsin Dells) charter on 10-25-07 though. A starter kit went out to the Phillips Wisconsin area, but it appears that interest waned there and some of the people trying to start up a chapter joined WI XIII

(Eagle River). There is some renewed interest in starting a chapter in Spooner, where a starter kit has already been sent. I did have the honor of reporting that Wisconsin is the ONLY state in the GLRC current on chapter dues. The group was addressed by GLRC Vice Chairman Bill Drees (WI XVIII), GLRC Wisconsin State Safety Officer Clint Cagle (WI XI), and candidates for State Rep Bruce Gondert (WI II) and Dane Nelsen (WI X). Although the position of State Rep is appointed by the GLRC Chairman and is not an elected position, I wanted to give the two men interested in the position a chance to talk about themselves and to enable the state chapters to give me input on who they'd like to see replace me. An advisory vote will be taken by August 1, and the results given to the GLRC board for consideration. Updates were given on the 2008 Summer GLRC by Bill Drees and the 2009 Spring GLRC by Bruce Gondert. Folks, you're not going to have two regional conventions closer to home (let alone back to back in Wisconsin), so make plans to come out and support you fellow Wisconsin chapters. Then it was on to a fantastic BBQ chicken dinner, drawings for the 50/50 and fabulous door prizes, and the infamous nipple sucking contest (you have to be there to appreciate it). Tina Chappell did successfully defend her nipple sucking title, setting an Olympic record (but not beating her World record time).

I want to recognize two chapter members who weren't present for the festivities but nevertheless were invaluable: Jon Kopecky for scoring us the use of a HUGE grill, and Jim Crouse for procuring a ton of door prizes. My congratulations to event chairwoman Tina Chappell for the often thankless and stress inducing job of organizing the State Convention; you did a fantastic job. I also want to extend a special thanks to the ladies of WI VI (Doni, Patti, Cindy, Tina, and Laura) for all the hard work they did with the meals; you kept the food hot and the beer cold. I want to give a laurel and hearty handshake to Grill Master Randy Winkler for his culinary talents with the Saturday night BBQ, which was absolutely delicious. Thank you one and all! Your efforts paid off and helped make this a great weekend. I had a number of guests tell me that we once again set the bar for future conventions.

Lost in America,  
"Wrongway" Dennis

## Something Just A Little Bit Different!

By Joe Kubicek

Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> found Patti, Tiny, Janis, Carl, Doni & me riding out to Deerfield, WI where WI II hosted an event that was *not* your everyday Blue Knight experience. Their "Ride to the Range" was well attended by the host chapter members, as well as members from WI VI and WI XI, with the tally of shooters numbering near twenty.

WI II member Scott Whiting is the owner of the Deerfield Pistol and Archery Center ([www.deerfieldpistol.com](http://www.deerfieldpistol.com)) and, although he is normally closed on Sundays, he donated his facility for the occasion. Scott explained that the purpose of the event was not only for the enjoyment of the Blue Knights involved, but intended also as a recruitment opportunity.

When we arrived, Tiny donned his two-gun rig, complete with a pair of pearl handled Ruger Vaquero revolvers. In retrospect, maybe it was for the best that he didn't have enough room in the bike to include his duster (yes, he said he thought seriously about bringing it along) to complete the ensemble because it was a bit warm on the firing line. One couldn't help but notice the beads of perspiration which caused Janis to quip, "Look, Tiny is sweating bullets!"

Everyone in attendance received a sure-to-be-coveted "Ride to the Range 2008" event pin and, for the price of a "donation" to chapter II, we were treated to a course of fire consisting of bull's-eye, silhouette, football and bowling pin paper targets with firing distances ranging from five to fifty feet and with ninety-one rounds fired. Weapons on the firing line included Bersa, Colt, Glock, Ruger, Sig Sauer, Smith & Wesson, Taurus and Walthers. Calibers of .38, .357, .380 .40 and .45 could be found in the mix. Range master Bruce Gondert (President, WI II) ran a well organized course in a safe but fun manner. This was followed by a cookout, complete with plenty of ice cold *what'll-you-have?*, and there was an ample supply of raffle prizes as well.

Despite the fact that Tiny had told me that Patti would have no interest in participating, as well as the fact that Doni had no prior experience with handguns, Tiny and I learned, much to our vexation, that our ladies are quite capable with a handgun. Out of a possible 666 points, Patti scored a 341. Doni posted a score of 266 using my .40 Glock model 23,

and I dusted off my first MPD issued duty gun, a .357 Ruger Police Service Six.

Top honors, with a score of 514, went to Dawn Denali from chapter II. Gary Sandridge (WI II) and Bruce took second and third place with scores of 507 and 502, respectively. But overall, it wasn't so much about competition as it was about having a good time. This was the case, at least, until Bruce challenged "the big dog guns" next year because his 3<sup>rd</sup> place score was achieved using a Bersa .380.

WI II has promised to hold this event again next year and they are already considering some improvements. Anyone who attended this one, however, will tell you that they don't have a long way to go. It was well organized and I'll bet that anyone who was there this year will make every effort to be back again for the next one.