



Blue Knights

Wisconsin Chapter VI

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DECEMBER 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 December meeting was called to order by President Hafeman at 7:25 PM. Present at the meeting were: Dennis Hafeman, Jim Kindt, Carl Karwacki & Janis Smolinski, Brian Bortmess, Joe & Doni Kubicek, Michael Zivicki, Gary & Mary Davey, Allen Schoessow, George Markopoulos, Robert E. Barr, Steve Bzdusek, Pete Simet, Chuck Homa, Scott Wysocki, Sandy Santoro, Andre & Kristi Bleickardt, Jim Crouse and Kim Fisher.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Dennis introduced Mike Zivicki, retired bike man who made his first meeting.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Pete S. made a motion to have the minutes of last months meeting read to the membership and was seconded by Joe K. Dennis sat in his chair, stunned for a few seconds and stated, "You got to be kidding." Since nobody brought a copy of last months newsletter, Mike Z. made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and was seconded by Kim F...all in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Brian gave his first report as new treasurer and it was a rousing report that had everybody glued to their seats. Joe K: Since the new Board goes into effect in January, Brian should start looking into CD's for the chapter funds. Tiny made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Joe K...all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dennis: Before we get started, just to let you know that Doni & Janis are upstairs counting the ballots for Director.

Sweet Heart Dance: Kim, I did my running around and I have the hall booked, all the while talking to Sandy. The issue I have is that it seems that I am doing all the work myself. There is too little time to host the dance and not enough help. Joe: I know that this was a spur of the moment and he asked Kim if she was willing to chair the dance for 2010. Kim: There is so much information for one person to do (at this point, Kim gave a synopsis of the work she was trying to accomplish). Dennis: The chapter has the money in the kitty for the dance. Joe: I would like to make a motion to move the dance to 2010 and was seconded by Chuck...all in favor.

Chapter shirts: Dennis, Since Ted did not make the meeting, he can not give an up date on the shirts. Bob B: I went with Ted to Will's to check on the other vendors and there was no other contact with the other vendors. He(Ted) was going to bring in samples of the shirts that he was looking at, for the members to judge on quality and sizes. The samples were going to be one denim shirt (button down), a mock turtleneck and a regular turtleneck. Dennis: The shirts are going to be a member only sale item, not a chapter sales item. The chapter is going to get out of international sales.

X-Mas Party: The chapters party is going to be on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the MPSO union hall, located at 2900 W. Forest Home Ave. The doors open up at 6:30 with the festivities going until whenever ????? I checked with Grebe's because I had last years brochure and the prices per plate have gone up \$2.00 and I thought this was too pricey. George M: I know a buddy of mine who works for Reinhart food delivery, see if he can get us a good deal on food. Dennis: If you talk to your contact, get a hold of me ASAP. Pete S: How much food do you get, for how many persons. Dennis: The amount I get for is for 50 people max. Chuck: Is there going to be a chapter meeting in January. Joe: I want to make a motion to waive the January meeting and only have a small board meeting at the x-mas party and was seconded by George M...all in favor

****January meeting postponed for the chapter's X-Mas Party****

Dennis read the third and final reading of the Chapter's new By-Laws as the members sat glued to their seats in awe. As Dennis finished reading the new changes from the old, Tiny made a motion to accept the change of the By Laws and was seconded by Joe K...all in favor.

No other old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis: Elections for you new chapter officers which will be cast by the chapter Secretary (at which time I cast one vote each for the chapters new President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). The new chapter officers are: President, Jim "Tiny" Kindt,

Vice President, Carl "Wacko" Karwacki, Secretary, Joe Kubicek and Treasurer, Brian Bortmess. From the ballots that were cast and mailed back by the members voting, your new Chapter Directors are: Chuck Homa, Ted Engelbart and Sandy Santoro.

Joe K. made a motion to keep the ballots for director for three months before destroying and was seconded by Chuck...all in favor.

HONORARY MEMBERS:

At this time, Dennis had the Honorary members leave the room for the round table discussion.

Dennis: First up, Tony Coffaro who only made one meeting and a non Blue Knight function. I open the floor for discussion. Jim C, I tried to contact Tony but I was unable to. He may be out of town. Tiny asked Jim if Tony should remain a Honorary member and Jim said yes. Pete S. stated that Tony was never involved in any chapter event and he only made one meeting. Does the same criteria apply for every honorary and the answer was yes. Bob B. asked if any person can come to club functions and Dennis said that people can attend, but they cannot wear the chapter colors if they were a previous member. Dennis: Tony hasn't shown strong commitment towards the chapter in either events or meetings. Jim C. asked Chuck if Tony was at any of the Dinner/Brunch rides and Chuck said no, that Tony was not at any of them. Bob B. asked if everybody was going to be voted on at one time and Dennis said each one gets their own turn. Brian B. made a motion not to renew Tony's Honorary status for 2009 and was seconded by Pete S...all in favor.

Dennis: Next up, Gary Davey who made seven meetings and four events, one of them being the State Convention. I open the floor for discussion. Chuck H. made a motion to renew Gary's Honorary status for 2009 and was seconded by Joe K...all in favor.

Dennis: Next up, George Markopoulos who made six meetings and one event. I open the floor for discussion. Tiny: George worked the International. Joe K. made a motion to renew George's Honorary status for 2009 and was seconded by Pete S...all in favor.

Dennis: Next up, Scott Wysocki who made seven meetings and four events. I open the floor for discussion. Chuck H: Scott has made more events than most members. Pete S. made a motion to renew Scott's Honorary status for 2009 and was seconded by Steve B...all in favor

Dennis asked if there were any more nominations for Honorary members and there were none.

No other new business to be discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dennis: I hate to keep on" HARPING" but chapter dues are due by the chapter's X-Mas party, which is the 24th of January, 2009 at the MPSO union hall, 2900 W. Forest Home Ave.

Chuck: FYI, the Port of Hamburg, 5900 S. Howell Ave has a small hall in the back of the tavern and the rental costs \$200.00.

Pete: Wendell Kendrick was going to be at the meeting tonight and Thank everyone who worked the 105th H-D anniversary, because I kept ragging him.

Tiny: Since this is Dennis' last meeting as President, I would like him to stand and receive this gift of appreciation from the new board and from the members of WI VI, at which time Tiny presented Dennis with a Leatherman tool that had wood engraved handles. Tiny also presented Joe K. with his new executive briefcase, which contained the necessary tools for chapter Secretary.

At this time, Dennis arose from the throne and gave a short farewell speech to the masses (more of the speech in Dennis' column).

The next meeting will be at the chapter x_mas party with no other regular chapter meeting in January. The next regular meeting will be held in February.

50/50 DRAWING: The winning ticket #811574 for the 50/50 drawing was held by Scott W. who won \$91.00, which was given back to the rivet fund.

Pete S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Joe K...all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Ride with Pride
Secretary Carl "Wacko"

P.S. I just want to thank the chapter for letting me be your Secretary for the last three years and now I pass the copiers to Joe K.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2009

May 1-3	Spring GLRC Watertown, WI WI II
June 4	Ride with the Flame Uke's H-D Kenosha
June 12-14	Spring MWRC Des Moines, IA IA III
June 19-21	WIS State Convention Berlin, WI WI VII
July 19-24	International Convention Louisville, KY KY II
September 11-13	Fall MWRC Omaha, NE

From Your Chapter President

2008 State of the Chapter Address

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you! As has been my tradition for the last five years, this column will be my "state of the chapter" address.

2008 was again a busy year for the membership of WI VI. It was a year characterized by change and by growth. Chapter membership now stands at 54 members, but this isn't the growth I'm referring to.

I'm speaking of seeing newer members becoming more involved with the club; participating in more functions outside of chapter meetings and traveling to various Blue Knight functions. This is the positive growth our chapter needs. But we can do better. Attendance at chapter brunch and dinner rides was terrible, and participation in events like the Crying Towel Classic and State Convention was poor. I attribute much of this to the tough economy and brutal gas prices. As we enter a new year, I challenge our membership to try to attend more events within the organization, and if you can't make any longer trips attend local functions.

In June WI VI hosted the Wisconsin State Convention at the Waukesha County Fairgrounds. While the event was not as well attended as it had been in the past, the members from our fellow Wisconsin chapters enjoyed the weekend, marking another successful convention hosted by our chapter. Barring any wild ideas, WI VI will not have to host another convention for 13 years.

August, in my opinion, was the busiest month for our chapter, with two major events. First up is the 2008 Summer GLRC in the Wisconsin Dells. Very well attended by WI VI; in fact we won the "Largest Chapter in Attendance" award from the GLRC. In addition, WI VI was once again honored with the GLRC Traveling Recruitment award for 2007, our third time receiving this award. At this convention I was elected to the Secretary/Treasurer's position on the GLRC board, and stepped down as the Wisconsin State Rep, passing the torch to WI X President Dane Nelsen. Even though these "higher" offices are a personal accomplishment, I've always considered them a direct reflection on our chapter and how well we're viewed by the entire Blue Knights organization.

Next is the Harley-Davidson 105th celebration. WI VI was given the opportunity to judge the police skills competition during the 105th, a great honor when you consider that we were specifically sought out by Harley. And our members did not

disappoint, performing their duties very professionally to the praise of all. The opening of the Harley-Davidson Museum saw our chapter immortalized in the form of an engraved rivet. Chapter member Pete Simet is also a featured speaker on the audio tour inside the museum.

For the last year we've all had the word "change" rammed down our throats, but nowhere was change more evident than here in our chapter. After several years, the membership of our chapter decided to change our charitable contributions, breaking away from Special Olympics and establishing the "Assist an Officer" fund in April. This new fund will allow our chapter to give financial help to law enforcement officers in need, "taking care of our own." Long time members Bill and Cindy Drees left WI VI for WI XVIII. WI VI saw the appointment of a new web master in Mark Meyer, and the appointment of Bob Barr as the chapter's first ever safety officer. But the changes didn't just end there. December saw the election of a new executive board for WI VI.

Earlier in the year I had decided that I would not seek another term as your chapter president. After five years, I figured it was time for a change in leadership and representation. I have complete faith that President Jim "Tiny" Kindt, VP Carl Karwacki, Secretary Joe Kubicek, and Treasurer Brian Bortmess will continue to represent the membership of this great chapter as I and my fellow board members have done during my time in office.

*As this is my last message to you as your chapter president, I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you for the honor and the privilege of being your representative. I've always said that this office is about what **you**, the chapter membership wanted. I've been proud to be the "voice" of WI VI, and I hope that you've all been satisfied with the representation I've give you. As your immediate past president and a member of the chapter executive board, I will continue to serve*

the best interests of our chapter and represent us with the same zeal that I did as president.

*Lost in America,
“Wrongway” Dennis*

Crying Towel Classic Round II

December 22, 2008

It had all the hallmarks of a great night: The Packers playing The Bears on Monday night football, and enjoying this sporting event with a bar full of Blue Knights. Several members of WI VI braved the bone numbing cold and headed to the Accursed Flatlands to cheer on the Green and Gold. Present were: Dennis Hafeman, Joe and Doni Kubicek, Jim “Tiny” Kindt and his son Nick, Carl “Wacko” and Janis, Tina Chappell, Brian Bortmess (wearing a Vikings jersey!), Chuck Homa, Steve Bzdusek, Bob Barr, newbie Mike Zvickj, and guests Debbie Koehn and Bonnie and Dan Aberle. The members of ILL X played host to Round II of the Crying Towel Classic, held at Jester’s in Waukegan. There were plenty of frosty beverages to imbibe courtesy of WI VI and ILL X, and loads of freshly baked pizzas for our half time repast courtesy of Jester’s.

And it looked like it was going to be a Packers night! At least until the fourth quarter, that is. In what’s become a Packers trademark this year, they blew their lead and The Bears tied up the game, sending it into overtime. And of course the Pack lost the coin toss, and minutes later the game. Final score: Chicago 20 Green Bay 17. In what was to be my final duty as WI VI president, I shamefully wore a Chicago Bears cap with the pink tiara while accepting the Crying Towel from a gloating Jim McCarthy. Well, I guess that was payback for the poster we had of him in the cheese

head hat and tiara (appropriately titled “Mac ‘n Cheese”) from Round I, which we’d proudly posted on the big screen TV. It was once again a great time with great friends, which is what being in the club is all about.

*“Janis, Janis, pudding and pie,
Diss the waitress and make her cry!”*

And the fun didn’t end there. Several of us had stayed overnight, and in the morning met up with Mac and Mary McCarthy for breakfast. Our waitress, upon seeing my Packers sweatshirt, exclaimed “loser” with the accompanying “L” hand gesture on her forehead. Janis, not missing a beat, says “well, there goes your tip,” causing our waitress to burst into tears! We finally convinced her we were joking and got the water works turned off. There was a lot of conjecture as to just how much spit was in Janis’ food (I’m sure much less than was in her beverage). Ah, good times!

Well, The Crying Towel is once again north of The Cheddar Curtain. Join in the fun next year when the 13th Annual Crying Towel Classic kicks off!

*Lost in America,
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