

BLUE KNIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Wisconsin Chapter VI Metro-Milwaukee

February 2009



The February meeting was held at Alioto's and President Kindt called the meeting to order at 7:11PM. Tiny requested that the membership "be gentle" as this is his first official meeting serving as President.

Introductions

Steve Bzdusek introduced two prospective members from the Cedarburg P.D. and those present offered a laurel and hardy handshake to Scott Miller and Jim Backes.

Minutes

After a failed attempt to require a reading of the minutes from the January meeting, Dennis made a motion to waive the reading of those minutes. The motion was seconded by Pete and was carried on a unanimous vote.

Treasurers Report

Brian reported on our current financial status (final numbers are not published in this forum).

As requested at an earlier meeting, Brian had done some research on certificates of deposit and Tiny stated that the Board would meet after the meeting to decide how best to invest our funds. After much discussion, Tiny directed Brian to invest what amounts to approximately 69% of our treasury into two separate CD's; one for a period of six months and the other for one year. At maturity, Brian will convert

that six month CD to an annual term as well, thus giving us a maturing CD every 6 months.

Dennis requested the total expenditures for the Chapter Christmas Party and, prior to the close of business, Brian reported that the final tally was \$403.61.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Chuck and seconded by Ted. Motion carried.

New Business

Tiny raised the issue of the current limit of \$100 for Presidential discretionary spending. With costs rising, he stated that he would like to see that amount raised. After a short period of discussion, Dennis made a motion to raise that figure to \$200. The motion was seconded and there were none opposed.

Next, Tiny said that he had been approached by some in the membership that were interested in exploring the possibility of changing our meeting locations. In addition to merely looking for a new permanent home, there were suggestions of having more than one location that we could call home. One example was to have a south-side location, a north-side and midway location. Then we could stagger our meetings between the three, enabling us to maintain ties with several venues while making it more equitable for the membership in regard to traveling distance.

Can you name ten body parts that are three letters long?
HINT: none are slang, 5 are below the neck and 5 are above.

Another suggestion was that, due to potentially good riding weather, we take the May and October meetings on the road. With the growing number of members that live a fair distance from Milwaukee, we could pick a location north/northwest of the city for one meeting and a location south/southwest of the city for the other of those meetings.

There was much discussion and there were many that said that they were very satisfied with the

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During summer riding months:

Dinner rides leave at 6:00PM
2nd Tuesday of each month

Brunch rides leave at 10:00AM
4th Sunday of each month

Meet at the Park & Ride lot
Hwy 45 & Watertown Plank Road

Monthly meetings

October - May

* Third Tuesday each month, 7:00PM
Alioto's
3041 N. Mayfair Road

* Due to St. Patrick's Day, the March meeting will be Tuesday, March 10th

current location. It was decided that anyone that wanted to weigh in further should email Tiny (jimkindt@yahoo.com) with suggestions or opinions and we will revisit the topic at the March meeting.

The next topic of discussion was about the expense of sending out our monthly newsletter. Not including the money spent on ink and toner, which is substantial, the annual cost of sending out this year's newsletters is estimated at just under \$300. Several members stated they would be happy to receive an electronic newsletter in lieu of a hard copy, while others said they would prefer to continue receiving a hard copy.

This month everyone will receive the hard copy as usual, however an electronic copy will also be sent to everyone for whom we have an email address. This will enable everyone to, first of all, see if they can access the electronic copy and, secondly, let them make a determination as to whether or not they would be willing to forego their hard copy.

In addition, the monthly newsletter is available on our website as well.

Tiny brought up the subject of an annual chapter picnic. He mentioned the fact that the Waukegan chapter, IL X, has been hosting one for the past several years and Tiny floated the idea of possibly holding a joint venture. Chuck asked about inviting WI XI, to participate as well.

Dennis volunteered to contact those chapters and look into the possibility of putting something together.

Finally, Tiny mentioned that he received a note from the BOG which stated that any Blue Knight member who is in the Reserves and was activated by January 31, 2009 would have their International dues waived for the year. It doesn't appear that this affects anyone in our chapter.

7:39PM



Bob Barr was momentarily excused.

Paul Serdynski suggested a group ride to Dubuque, IA sometime this summer. Currently he is looking at July however he is flexible so as to avoid conflicting with any major Club events.

Tentative plans are for a Saturday morning departure and would include a one night stay at a Holiday Inn (secure parking), a ride on the Fenelon

The Fenelon Place Elevator, which has been called "the world's steepest, shortest scenic railway," climbs the Mississippi River bluff at the end of Fourth Street near downtown Dubuque. It has a length of 296 feet and a vertical elevation of 189 feet. It is a funicular: a cable-driven railway powered by an engine in the upper station. The two cars always leave the upper and lower stations simultaneously, and pass at the midpoint of the track. They counterbalance each other so that the engine needs to supply only enough power to overcome friction and the different weights of the passengers in the cars.

Place Elevator (see inset) and a steam boat ride up-river, including a ride through lock & dam # 11.

By a happy coincidence, there is a gambling boat docked very near the aforementioned river boat! A stop in Galena, IL (a must see) could also be included.

Paul will do some research and get back to us with a date and hotel costs.

Old Business

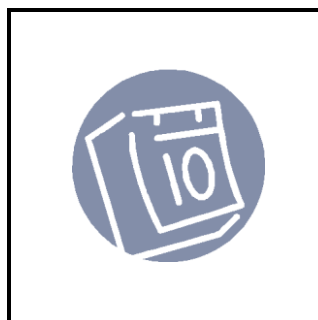
As most of you should know, Ted had taken on the task of researching new styles of shirts for our members to purchase. To the uninitiated, it appeared as if Ted never left his chair as he deftly worked the strings, using Bob Barr and Herman Kremkau as marionettes in a most comical version of a poor-mans Blue Man Group while demonstrating various styles of how our potential new shirts would (could) look.

So skilled was our puppeteer that Tiny *assigned* Bob the task of putting together a style and price list, as if he, Bob, was in charge and not just a "puppet on a string". Atta boy, Ted!

Roll Call

Carl Karwacki & Janis Smolinski, Brian Bortmess, Gary & Mary Davy, Jim Bagurdes, Ted & Pat Engelbart, Allen Schoessow, George Markopoulos, Kimberly Fisher, Jim Crouse, Kristi & Andre Bleickardt, Mr. Pete Simet, Paul Serdynski, Scott Wysocki, Mark Meyer, Bob Barr, Chuck Homa, Sandy Santoro, Jim & Patti Kindt, Ray "Rocco" & Leane Teriaca, Herman Kremkau, Tina Chappell, Steve Bzdusek, Jim Backes, Scott Miller, Dennis Hafeman & Laura Duff and Doni & Joe Kubicek.

Meeting Date Change



Due to the fact that the third Tuesday of March (our regularly scheduled meeting day) is St. Patrick's Day, our March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th.

This should be of special note to Mike Zivicki who showed up on February 18th for the February 17th meeting!

Body Parts

Those three lettered body parts are:
ARM; LEG; RIB; TOE; HIP; EYE; EAR;
JAW; LIP & GUM

Sick Call

On February 9th, John & Lynn Karlovich had just begun what was supposed to be a ten day vacation to San Antonio, TX. With John not feeling well, they returned home on the 11th and their daughter, Susie, picked them up from Mitchell International. She promptly drove John to Waukesha Memorial hospital where he was admitted to the intensive care unit with internal bleeding. The source of the "leak" remained a mystery however John was given four units of blood and two pints of plasma. He was told that if treatment had been delayed one more day it could have proved fatal.

John returned home however he again began feeling weak and was having difficulty breathing so he was readmitted to the hospital. On the 20th a heart catheterization was done and the results showed that heart surgery was indicated.

Surgery is scheduled for the 24th and may include a bypass and valve replacement.

Our best wishes & prayers for a safe procedure and a speedy recovery go out to you, John!

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:13PM

On a motion by Dennis and a second by Herman.

Tiny's Tidbits

"Tiny's Tidbits" will return

Blast From The Past

(Excerpts from the Chapter VI archives)

February, 1997:

The following is an article that was in the Pestigo (sic) news... Dear Editor:

On two occasions a man was seen working along the roadway in Dunbar, carrying a bag, picking up garbage and cans. He stated his actions were twofold; one was to get some exercise and the other to perform his civic duty to clean up litter. He stated his is a Blue Knight of the WI VI Chapter. (signed) An Appreciative Citizen

December, 1998:

NEW CHAPTER COLORS - Mark Stanmeyer and Dennis Hafeman presented some proposed designs. There was quite a big discussion about a new name rocker for the chapter. It is now S.E. Wisconsin. Two new names were brought up, one being "Metro Milwaukee" and other being "Wisconsin". If an individual member would like to add another rocker indicating their city below, they could do it at their own expense.

April 1999:

Cindy received a phone call from NY II asking if they could make turtleneck shirts like ours with their chapter emblem on them.



Happy Birthday To You!

March 3rd - Kristi Bleickardt
March 14th - Michael Trapp
March 23rd - Bob McDermott

Upcoming Events

MARCH

28th Loyal Few M/C 4th Annual Fund Raiser
Jefferson, WI
<http://loyalfewlemc.webhop.org> LFLEMC

APRIL

5th Fool's 100 Black Creek, WI
8AM-10:30AM registration
<http://users.mlecwb.net/wibk5/> WI V

MAY

1st-3rd
Spring GLRC Johnson's Creek, WI
Reduced registration ends March 17th
www.bkmcwi2.com WI II

JUNE

12th-14th
Spring MWRC Des Moines, IA
Reduced registration ends May 15th
www.bkia3.homestead.com IA III
19th-21st
WI State Convention Berlin, WI
www.berlinblueknights.com WI VII

JULY

19th-23rd
35th International Convention Louisville, KY
www.blueknightsky2.org KY II

AUGUST

28th-30th
Summer GLRC Xenia, OH
www.blueknightsohioiii.org OH III

SEPTEMBER

11th-13
Fall MWRC Omaha, NE
www.blueknightsne2.net NE II

February's 50/50 raffle:
\$150.00/\$75.00
WINNER - Kim Fisher
Rivet balance = \$766.50

Event Registration Form

Included with this newsletter is the registration form for the 2009 Summer GLRC. This will be the only time you will find a hard copy included with your newsletter. This, and most other registration forms, can be found on the host chapter, Conference or International websites.