

# BLUE KNIGHTS

## INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB

### Wisconsin Chapter VI Metro-Milwaukee

March 2009



The March meeting was held at Alioto's and President Kindt called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. Tiny began by saying that he had very little on the agenda for March and promised a short meeting (note time of adjournment later in this newsletter).

#### Introductions

Pete Simet introduced Wendell Kendrick as a returning guest from Harley-Davidson Police & Fleet Sales.

#### Minutes

After yet another failed attempt to require a reading of the minutes from the prior (February) meeting, Chuck made a motion to waive the reading of those minutes. The motion was seconded by Dennis and was somehow carried on a unanimous vote.

#### Treasurers Report

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

Brian further stated that for some unknown reason our checking account (with Associated Bank for some 19-odd years) has been a personal account instead of a business account. The Bank made the decision to change it over to a business account. Brian tells us that there is no substantial effect on our account due to this change, just a new account number and a new taxpayer ID.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mike and seconded by Chuck. All in favor.

#### Old Business

- Regarding Paul Serdynski's group ride to Dubuque, Tiny advised the membership that the date has been confirmed for Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition to a stop in Galena, Illinois ([www.galenadowntown.com](http://www.galenadowntown.com)), other plans include a 3-1/2 hour Mississippi River dinner cruise (through lock and dam number 11) aboard The Spirit of Dubuque ([www.spiritofdubuque.com](http://www.spiritofdubuque.com)).

Tiny, Patti, Joe & Doni plan to leave on Friday afternoon. Anyone interested in adding an extra day is welcome to ride along.

The Spirit of Dubuque is an authentic dual paddle wheeler, a replica of a century-old Mississippi River steam boat. Among your choices for Dubuque area lodging is the Days Inn, ([www.daysinndubuque.com](http://www.daysinndubuque.com)), the Holiday Inn ([www.holidayinn.com](http://www.holidayinn.com)) or the Red Stone Inn Bed & Breakfast ([www.theredstoneinn.com](http://www.theredstoneinn.com)). You are responsible for making your own reservations and it is suggested that you make them soon because Paul reports that the hotels and the dinner cruise fill up quickly. The Spirit of Dubuque offers a full refund up to 48 hours prior to departure time. Please contact Paul ([pserdynski@wi.rr.com](mailto:pserdynski@wi.rr.com)) if you have any further questions. Also, let Paul know when you have made your reservations so he can keep you informed of exact times and any other issues.

- Dennis reported on his contact with WI XI (Racine/Kenosha) and IL X (Waukegan) regarding the proposed start of a combined chapter picnic. All parties are interested in the idea and Mac (IL X) told Dennis about the park that they have used a few times in the past. Clint (WI XI) stated that there are several locations in and around Racine that might work, also. Dennis will again contact both chapters and try to come up with a date (Saturday in August).

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**During summer riding months:**

**Dinner rides** leave at 6:00PM

1st Tuesday of each month

**Brunch rides** leave at 10:00AM

3rd 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

**DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME? I'LL GIVE  
YOU "SEVEN" GUESSES!**



- Bob Barr, acting in Ted's stead, began taking orders for shirts to be made by Silk Screening by Will. For those people who wear, as Pete says, "adult sizes" (3X-4X-tall), Will has agreed to allow you to supply your own shirt and pay just for the screening or embroidery. As none of the shirts were really "feminine", ladies might want to try to find something on their own, as well. Orders and prepayment will again be taken at the April meeting. Delivery is planned for the May meeting.

- In regards to our meeting venue, no one contacted Tiny with any input on a change as was suggested in the February newsletter. It was therefore decided that Alioto's will remain our primary, non riding season, meeting location.

**How bright a gal (guy) are ya?  
Rearrange the letters in "NEW DOOR" to spell one  
word.**

## **New Business**

- Pete made a suggestion that we change the dates of the monthly dinner ride from Wednesday, back to (the original) Tuesday night. He pointed out that, although the change from Tuesday to Wednesday was due to poor attendance, there was greater participation on Tuesdays than there has been on Wednesdays. A poll of those present was taken and everyone with a preference chose Tuesday over Wednesday.

Ray asked if there would be any objection to moving the dinner ride from the second Tuesday to any other Tuesday of the month (personal conflict). There was a great deal of discussion on that

matter and we relied heavily on input from Pete, Chuck and Scott W. as, of those present, they are the most frequent attendees of those rides.

Note: Brunch ride (drive?) Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Departs from the Park & Ride, Hwy 45 & Watertown Plank Road @ 10:00AM...destination is The Mineshaft in Hartford.

Yes, the brunch rides have been changed from the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday however it was decided that, for March, it was too soon to schedule one on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

Ultimately it was decided that we would try having our dinner rides on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and our brunch rides on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

That said, and solely to confuse matters, we have scheduled a brunch ride for March 22<sup>nd</sup>. (yup, it's the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday!), just 'cuz we're getting the itch to start it all up again.

### Roll Call

Brian Bortmess, Gary & Mary Davy,  
Al Schoessow, George Markopoulos,  
Pete Simet, Paul Serdynski, Scott Wysocki,  
Mr. Robert E. Barr, Chuck Homa, Jim Kindt,  
Ray "Rocco" & Leane Teriaca, Herman  
Kremkau, Wendell Kendrick - (guest), Steve  
Bzdusek, Jim Backes, Scott Miller, Conrad  
Zvara, Dennis Hafeman, Bob McDermott,  
Mike Zivicki and Doni & Joe Kubicek.

### EXCUSED:

Carl Karwacki, John Karlovich, Ted  
Engelbart, Jesse Benitez, Tina Chappell

- Next, Tiny read a memo from International Vice President Patrick Fox addressing the question of membership qualifications as they pertain to U.S. military civilian police officers. The memo reads, in part...

The US Military has been in the process of forming civilian police forces to replace the Military Police (MP's) on the bases. These new officers are freeing the military officers so they can be used at other locations throughout the

world. These police forces have been established in all branches of the service and the question that was brought to my attention and that of the International; do these people qualify to be members of the Blue Knights?

The answer is "YES"! If these officers have either the GS-0083 or the GS-1811 classification, they qualify for membership in the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club as a regular member if they are full time officers or as an associate member if they work less than 32 hours per week AND more than 96 hours per year. Both classifications have powers of arrest and these are all governmental law enforcement agencies.

- George Markopoulos addressed the group regarding the following:

George represents Society Insurance as an insurance broker (agent). On Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, in lieu of their annual golf outing, Society is planning a ride to the Harley-Davidson Museum for their brokers-agents. This ride will start from the company headquarters in Fond du Lac, WI. Interest in this ride has proven to be high and they quickly found themselves with a group of about 100 motorcyclists.

George asked about our members escorting the riders however the idea of acting as traffic control personnel would not be considered for safety and legal reasons.

It was suggested that the riders should break into smaller groups (25 +/-) with our members riding along. Upon reaching the Milwaukee city limits the Milwaukee P.D. could take over and lead the entire group the remainder of the way.

George is going to look into exactly what Society is going to offer our members for their assistance. Thoughts are that we would be invited to attend the luncheon at the museum as well as the dinner once back at the headquarters. In addition George is going to check on lodging and the possibility of Society taking care of that cost for the members that accompany the group back to Fond du Lac, as well as covering our fuel expenses.

One downside to this is that it occurs while many of us will be in Louisville for the International Convention, but it would be a great opportunity for those members that cannot attend the International. George will have more details soon.

## Announcements

- May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, TN I will be hosting the 2009 Spring Mason-Dixon Conference. Registration received by April 1 will be: adults - \$70.00, couples \$130.00, children (7-17) \$40.00 and children 6 and under are free.

[www.bkmdc.org/Conferences/MDCSpring2009.pdf](http://www.bkmdc.org/Conferences/MDCSpring2009.pdf)

Planned events include: tours of Graceland, National Civil Rights Museum - formerly The Lorraine Motel, Sun Studios, STAX Soulsville, Tunica Casinos in Mississippi, and the Legendary Beale Street.

- Wendell Kendrick from Harley-Davidson Police & Fleet Sales addressed the membership to express what he termed "a six-month overdue thank you". He was, of course, referring to the help received from our members in scoring the Police Motor Skills Competition this past August.

*"Your eyes made it successful".*

*Wendell Kendrick, H-D Police/Fleet Sales*

The Skills Competition was held in conjunction with the joint celebration of the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Harley-Davidson and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Harley-Davidson Police Motorcycle.

Wendell apologized for his "tardiness" in expressing gratitude on behalf of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company and he said, referring to the scoring done by our members, "Your eyes made it successful".

In turn, and on behalf of the membership, Tiny thanked Wendell and the Harley-Davidson Company for all that they provided for us. Tiny pointed out that, notwithstanding the "really cool weather we had out there", everybody was very friendly to us and we were invited to participate in opening ceremonies, hospitality events, auctions and more.

Tiny went on to say, "This just goes to show you how classy an organization Harley-Davidson is".

- Bob B. and Herman will participate in the Milwaukee leg of the Rolling Thunder Ride to Washington, D.C., Memorial Day weekend.

For those of you with e-mail, watch your mailbox as Bob will be sending out a mass mailing chock full of details. For those of you without, why not make this the year that you take that leap into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? You'll be glad you did! :-)

## Sick Call - Update



- Chuck tells us that John Karlovich was released from the hospital last week after undergoing successful triple bypass surgery. John was again feeling poorly, however, and was readmitted to the hospital on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. He was found to have fluid in his lungs but Chuck reports that such a thing is not an entirely uncommon occurrence after this type of surgery.

**"Best wishes for a complete and quick recovery" from all of us, John!**

## Meeting Adjourned @ 8:25PM

On a motion by Bob M. and a second by Chuck.

## Blast From The Past

(Excerpts from the Chapter VI archives)

### February, 1978:

*Joe Szombathelyi wants to know if a Hungarian bike rider bolts a Japanese radio to a German motorcycle and drives it down an American highway, will he save on Arabian fuel if he turns the radio off at international stop signs?*

### June, 1986:

*The results (final stats) of the poker run are in:*

- 1. 236 pins were given out.*
- 2. 264 pin are still in the kitty.*
- 3. 211 people registered for the '86 poker run.*
- 4. The poker run cost the chapter \$2300 to put on.*
- 5. Income came to \$2030 (food & gate receipts).*
- 6. Total loss from the run, \$279.95*
- 7. WE WILL DO BETTER NEXT YEAR.*
- 8. It was agreed upon that the ladies who worked the event should get pins for their hard work. HERE, HERE!! GOOD JOB LADIES.*

### August, 1993:

*A motion to close the meeting was made by someone and everyone agreed.*



## Tiny's Tidbits

"Tiny's Tidbits" will return

### Wanted

I am looking for a large (3") three-ring binder (or photo album) for archiving chapter records (newsletters, etc.) If you've got one collecting dust, please bring it to the April meeting.

### Did you recognize him?

Yes, that was George Carlin, fresh from the stage at Milwaukee's Summerfest, '72. Arrested for "disorderly conduct and profanity" after his routine with the "seven words" you can't say on T.V.



From "JS Online"... "Comedian George Carlin discovered Friday night that the 'seven words' performers are prohibited from uttering on television are also taboo on the Summerfest Amphitheater Stage.

"The comedian, who has made frequent appearances on the Johnny Carson and Merv Griffin television shows, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and profanity immediately upon leaving the stage Friday night.

"Summerfest Executive Director Henry Jordan said that Carlin's routine on the Summerfest stage was 'definitely in bad taste.

" 'I had no idea he was like that,' Jordan said. 'I have seen him many times on the Johnny Carson show and I had no idea he would use that kind of vulgarity. Summerfest is supposed to be a family show.' "

- Milwaukee Sentinel, - July 22, 1972

*Oh, the times they have a'changed since papa was a boy!*



## Happy Birthday To You!

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Peggy Paddock  
April 7<sup>th</sup> - Carl Karwacki  
April 7<sup>th</sup> - Paul Newell  
April 27<sup>th</sup> - Mike Zivicki  
April 29<sup>th</sup> - Cody Porter

*Did you get it? Of course, the answer is:  
"ONE WORD"  
Too easy? I'll get 'ya next time!*

## Upcoming Events

### MARCH

28<sup>th</sup>

Loyal Few Annual Fund Raiser Jefferson, WI  
<http://loyalfewlemc.webhop.org>

LFLEMC

### APRIL

5<sup>th</sup>

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

WI V

### MAY

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

Spring GLRC Johnson's Creek, WI  
Reduced registration ends March 17<sup>th</sup>  
[www.bkmcwi2.com](http://www.bkmcwi2.com)

WI II

22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

Spring MDC Memphis, TN  
[www.bkmdc.org/Conferences/MDCSpring2009.pdf](http://www.bkmdc.org/Conferences/MDCSpring2009.pdf)

TN I

### JUNE

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

Spring MWRC Des Moines, IA  
Reduced registration ends May 15<sup>th</sup>  
[www.bkia3.homestead.com](http://www.bkia3.homestead.com)

IA III

19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

WI State Convention Berlin, WI  
No further info yet available  
[www.berlinblueknights.com](http://www.berlinblueknights.com)

WI VII

### JULY

19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

35<sup>th</sup> International Convention Louisville, KY  
[www.blueknightsky2.org](http://www.blueknightsky2.org)

KY II

### AUGUST

28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

Summer GLRC Xenia, OH  
[www.blueknightsOhioIII.org](http://www.blueknightsOhioIII.org)

OH III

### SEPTEMBER

11<sup>th</sup>-13

Fall MWRC Omaha, NE  
[www.blueknightsne2.net](http://www.blueknightsne2.net)

NE II