

# BLUE KNIGHTS

## INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB

### Wisconsin Chapter VI Metro-Milwaukee



**May 2009**

The May meeting was held at Alioto's and President Kindt called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

#### Introductions

Ted introduced Brian Stark, a friend of his from Hustisford, WI. Brian is interested in riding with our chapter and possibly becoming an honorary member, sometime down the road.

#### Minutes

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the April meeting was made by Dennis and seconded by Chuck. All in favor.

#### Treasurers Report

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

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

#### Old Business

- Tiny told the membership about the fantastic job that WI II did in hosting the GLRC, May 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>. "If you missed it, you missed a great time!"

Dennis expressed his disappointment in the fact that only seven members (14% of our membership)

attended the event, despite the fact that it was held so closely to Milwaukee.

- Tiny then reported on the newest details regarding the spring 2010 GLRC, to be hosted by WI X in Green Bay, WI. The dates are April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup> and registration is slated to cost \$50 - \$60. The host hotel is the Best Western, with rooms at \$83.00/night. Registration forms are expected to be available soon.

Green Bay has hosted several State Conventions and they have a reputation of putting on a good party with plenty of "bang for your buck". Tiny tells us that there is no reason to expect anything less than one helluva good time; after all, their unofficial motto is... *Let's get drunk and wreck shit!*

- Paul S. tells us that, so far, he has 15 people that have committed to attending his Ride to Dubuque the weekend of July 10<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>.

Leaving on Friday are: Joe & Doni, Dennis & Laura, Tiny & Patti, Brian & Joanne and Mike Z.

Leaving on Saturday are: Paul S., Pete & Mary Ellen, Ted & Pat and Bob B.

There is still plenty of room so see your February and March newsletters or contact Paul for further details.

- In regards to the chapter picnic to be held along with chapters III X and WI XI, Dennis reported that the dates most strongly being considered at this point are either August 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. This is depending on what dates are available at the park. Mac (IL X) is going to get back to Dennis and then Dennis will inform the

board. Hopefully we will have a firm date in time for the June newsletter.

Tiny reminded everyone that it is "your dues" that pay for this event so he encourages everyone to participate.

- Joe said that he had been in touch with chapter Webmaster Mark Meyer regarding the question of any out-of-pocket expenses that he may be incurring by maintaining our site. Mark said that there are some costs involved but he said that

he is not interested in reimbursement for those costs. He added that the refund of his dues is sufficient and said, in fact, that if this matter does not come up again, he would be thankful.

As an aside, Mark has asked for input from the membership regarding content and he is also interested in more photos to be included on the site. Please send him your photos and ideas.

- Bob Barr announced that the shirts are in. Bob, and his "assistants", Ted & Pat, distributed the shirts to those present who had placed an order.

Seems that the puppet actually believes he's a real boy!

### New Business

- Tiny tells us that there is a proposal at the GLRC level that would require a host chapter for upcoming Spring GLRC's to schedule the event during mid March; a return to the way it was years ago. Currently the host chapter has the option of holding the event anytime during the months of March & April, excluding Easter weekend.

The thought behind the change to the current format was that there may be better weather later in the spring, enabling more of us to ride to the event instead of having to "four-wheel" it.

Based on a 4 to 2 decision, Tiny will vote to keep the current format.

- Chuck, acting in Pete's absence, brought up the June dinner ride. After some discussion it was decided that the June dinner ride will be on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the usual time & place (6:00PM, Park & Ride on Watertown Plank Road at US Hwy 45) with the Mineshaft in Hartford as our destination. Chuck tells us that their "all-you-can-eat" fish fry is still under \$5.00, though he couldn't promise how long that deal will last.

While we're on the subject of dinner rides, Pete is still seeking input from the membership (yes, that's you!) regarding dinner and brunch destinations. If there is a place that you may have stumbled upon in your travels that you think we'd enjoy (c'mon, you know of several, don't you?), PLEASE, contact Pete with your ideas soon so he can put together a schedule for us.

- Tiny tells us that there is now a second chapter interested in bidding to host the 2011

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#### **During summer riding months:**

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

Alternating days, 1<sup>st</sup> full week 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**

September - May

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

International Convention. Schaumburg, IL will compete against Chesapeake/Virginia Beach, VA at this coming BOG meeting. That said, Tiny polled the membership as to how we want him to vote. By a close margin, Schaumburg got the nod, with one catch; Tiny is to use his best judgment if one or the other presents a poor vs. stellar package. i.e.; hotel is too pricy or a smokin' hot deal on registration, etc.



### Happy Birthday To You!

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Mark Newell  
June 8<sup>th</sup> - Bob Barr  
June 10<sup>th</sup> - Joe Kubicek  
June 13<sup>th</sup> - Fernando Rojas  
June 14<sup>th</sup> - Ted Engelbart  
June 14<sup>th</sup> - Joe Szombathelyi  
June 21<sup>st</sup> - Chuck Homa  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Chad Stiles

### Announcements

Kevin Porter  
(via e-mail)

- Lannon P.D. Motorcycle Fund Raiser, all you can eat spaghetti dinner, Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM - 8:00PM. Cost is \$8.50/person, with door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Karaoke to follow! Willie's Dug Out, 7273 N. Lannon Rd.

Tiny

- The recruitment award will now be based on new members recruited from July - June. Formerly it was based on the calendar year, January - December.

- The 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Journey for Jay Ride" (S.A. Jay Balchunas, killed in the line of duty, 2004) is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>. [www.journeyforjay.org](http://www.journeyforjay.org)

- Law Enforcement Torch Run, Green Bay - Final Leg, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 9:15AM at the Oneida One Stop, Hwy 54 & Cty J. Contact State Rep. Dane Nelsen ([danenelsen@msn.com](mailto:danenelsen@msn.com)) for further details.

- Second annual Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation Motorcycle and Fun Car Run. August 15<sup>th</sup>. More info - contact Stephanie Peske (217-741-3076). [www.isphf.org](http://www.isphf.org)

- Fighting 5<sup>th</sup> Fallen Heroes Motorcycle Ride. August 15<sup>th</sup>, Pittsburgh, PA (Clemente Bridge & The North Shore). To benefit the Pittsburgh Fallen Heroes Fund. [www.fallenheroesmotorcycleryde.com](http://www.fallenheroesmotorcycleryde.com)

- Jakes Ride to Cure Juvenile Diabetes. August 29<sup>th</sup>. Hartford H-D. [www.jakesrideforjdrf.com](http://www.jakesrideforjdrf.com)

### Roll Call

Jim & Patti Kindt, Carl Karwacki, Dennis Hafeman & Laura Duff, Andre & Kristi Bleickardt, Jim Crouse, Michael Zivicki, Allen Schoessow, Herman Kremkau, Ray "Rocco" & Leane Teriaca, Gary & Mary Davey, Julian Gonzalez, Jr., Scott Wysocki, Sandy Santoro, Chuck Homa, Robert Barr, Brian Bortmess, Paul Serdynski, Michael Trapp, Mr. Larry Thompson, Ted & Pat Engelbart, Brian Stark (guest) and Doni & Joe Kubicek

### Meeting Adjourned At 8:03PM

On a motion by Dennis and a second by Mike. All in favor.

### May Dinner Ride

Mike Zivicki

The May 2009 dinner ride was blessed with beautiful mid-60's and sunny weather. Pete Simet led our group to Gus' Cantina on Hwy. 100 in Franklin. Also along for the ride were Joe and Doni Kubicek, Bob Barr, Chuck Homa, Scott Wysocki, and Mike Zivicki. The cuisine at Gus' was 'mui bien' and Gus himself was there with a cordial greeting for our group. A short jaunt afterwards finished a very enjoyable day.

May's 50/50 raffle:  
 \$111.00/\$55.50  
 WINNER - Gary & Mary Davey  
 Rivet balance = \$650.50

## Blast From The Past

(Excerpts from the Chapter VI archives)

### January, 1977:

*The Club would also like the wives or girlfriends of the members to get together to start bowling teams or other get-togethers, as the other chapters have at present. As you all know, a content wife or girlfriend makes for happy husbands and boyfriends. Wives and girlfriends are also invited on all the rides planned for '77.*

### April, 1987:

*Drees was going to bring something else up but he forgot what he was going to say.*

### August, 1997:

*For those who missed the summer GLRC in Muncie, IN, you missed some real fun. One of the highlights of Friday night was the medley of show tunes sung by Joe and his insignificant other, along with Tina Chappell, Carol King, Carl Karwacki, Julian Gonzalez and a few others. The rest of us just watched in Awe.*

*The professional entertainment on Saturday night was much better. We were also entertained by a tattoo artist putting his handy work on some very interesting parts of peoples bodies.*

## May Brunch Ride

Doni Kubicek

Sunday, May 17th was a sunny but crisp morning. Joe and I arrived at the park and ride just as Chuck Homa pulled up. A few minutes later Bob Barr arrived.

While we waited in hopes that others would show, we talked about where we should go but had a hard time deciding between the Mineshaft or The Fox and Hounds. After a little more discussion, the Fox and Hounds won, since Bob assured us that the price was the same as at the Mineshaft. Bob asked if we wanted the freeway or a scenic route and, since I love scenic rides, that was my vote.

So off we went and Bob took us on a great ride via the back roads. As we rode you could see Mother Nature waking up; trees were budding and the smell of lilacs was everywhere. We arrived 45 minutes later to have a good, but expensive brunch.

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The four of us had great conversation, a few laughs, and the guys did a couple of trips to the dessert table. Our waitress was very nice, with a great sense of humor. She gave Bob a good deal on his meal, telling him the brunch was free, but his 3 cups of coffee were \$10.00 each.

After we said our good-byes and parted ways, and as Joe and I headed home, I realized that we have missed a lot of fun and great rides not attending the dinner and brunch rides, so we are going to make an effort to attend more often. If you have not been on a dinner or brunch ride lately, give it a try. I really think you will have a good time and we'd sure enjoy seeing you!

## Upcoming Events

### JUNE

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

#### Spring MWRC

Reduced registration ends May 15<sup>th</sup>

[www.bkia3.homestead.com](http://www.bkia3.homestead.com)

Des Moines, IA

IA III

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

#### WI State Convention

[www.berlinblueknights.com](http://www.berlinblueknights.com)

Berlin, WI

WI VII

### JULY

12<sup>th</sup>

#### 3rd Annual Suicide Prev. Poker Run

[www.bkil2.org](http://www.bkil2.org) or email [jim@bkil2.org](mailto:jim@bkil2.org)

Sugar Grove, IL

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

#### 35<sup>th</sup> International Convention

[www.blueknightsky2.org](http://www.blueknightsky2.org)

Louisville, KY

KY II

### AUGUST

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

#### Summer GLRC

[www.blueknightssohioiii.org](http://www.blueknightssohioiii.org)

Xenia, OH

OH III

### SEPTEMBER

11<sup>th</sup>-13

#### Fall MWRC

[www.blueknightsne2.net](http://www.blueknightsne2.net)

Omaha, NE

NE II