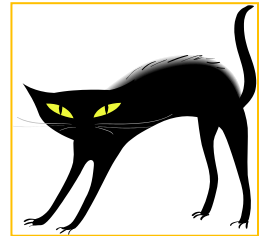


# BLUE KNIGHTS

## INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB



### Wisconsin Chapter VI Metro-Milwaukee



October 2009

The unusually quick October meeting was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> at Alioto's and was called to order by President Kindt at 7:01 PM.

#### Minutes

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

#### Heaven-I

James "Jim" Marino (Racine PD - retired), WI XI, passed away after a lengthy battle with ALS.

Howard "Howie" Jens (Evanston PD, Cook County Jail and the Hainesville/Round Lake Park PD's - retired), VP, IL XII, passed away on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Old Business

- Regarding our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweetheart Dance, Sandy Santoro reported that the date (Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM - 1 AM) and location (Tanner-

Paul Banquet Hall, 6922 W. Orchard Street) have been confirmed. Ticket prices will be \$10/person or \$12 at the door.

Also, we will be holding our usual Booze Raffle, with the drawing to be held at the dance. For those not familiar with how this works, every member is expected to supply AT LEAST two bottles of booze for this fundraiser. A grand prize basket (bushel) is assembled, along with smaller groups of bottles and several individual bottles (decanters, cases of beer, etc.) to be awarded as prizes. In the past we've had some very unusual bottles (an AK-47 shaped vodka bottle and a toxic waste type barrel of Krupnik, for example), limited only to your imagination and the generosity of those businesses that you choose to solicit.

Kim will be forming the various committees and is looking for people to head those committees. Doni will head up decorating and Joe will take care of the Booze Raffle and will look into getting the tickets printed, once Brian has obtained the necessary raffle license from the State.

- Note: Brian advises that the license application has been submitted and is expected to take about 4-6 weeks to process.

- Anyone with 20, 25, 30 or 35 years of continuous membership is eligible for a Blue Knights "Service Year Pin". If you think that you fit into any of these categories, contact your chapter secretary for confirmation.

- Dennis contacted the MPSO Union Hall and found that the date of Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> is open for our Christmas Party. Tiny conducted an "informal poll" and it was (unanimously) decided that Dennis should confirm that date with the MPSO. As usual, Dennis will head-up the party planning.

### New Business

- None -

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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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### Roll Call

Allen Schoessow, Scott Wysocki, Robert E. Barr, Chuck Homa, Jim Kindt, Steve Bzdusek, Dennis Hafeman & Laura Duff, Jim Crouse, Julian Gonzalez, Jr., Carl Karwacki, Brian Bortmess & Joanne Cook, Ted & Pat Engelbart, Ray & Leane Teriaca, Bob McDermott, Sandy Santoro, Tina Chappell & Dave Evenstad, Jesse Benitez, and Doni & Joe Kubicek

**EXCUSED:** Peter Simet, John Karlovich and Gary Davey

### GLRC News

Dennis passed around the new GLRC patch that has been produced locally by *Silkscreening by Will*. There had been a proposal at the GLRC level to have the patch produced and sold for \$8 each but Dennis, as GLRC secretary/treasurer, volunteered to look for a better price. The patches are available now for sale for \$3 each. With savings like that, Chuck just might buy two!

October 50/50 raffle:

\$87.00 / \$43.50

**WINNER: Brian Bortmess**

**Rivet Balance = \$558.00**

- Note: There was a \$10 subtraction error on the rivet balance in the January newsletter. In addition, there was a \$1 difference in what was recorded as the winning amount by the Secretary and by the Treasurer for the April drawing. That discrepancy (\$11) has been carried over month-to-month however a correction has been made in the above balance.

### Meeting Adjourned At 7:28PM

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



## Happy Birthday To You

Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Bzdusek
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Randy Winkler
Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Miller
Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jason Bleichwehl
Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Janis Smolinski

### URTAPP II

Joe Kubicek

ac-ro-nym: \a-krə-nim\ a word (as NATO, radar, or laser) formed from the initial letter or letters of each of the successive parts or major parts of a compound term; also: an abbreviation (as FBI) formed from initial letters.

The time had arrived for the second of Bob Barr's URTAPP (Urban Ride To A Pizza Place) rides so naturally, it was rainy and grey all day. Bob had checked the RADAR and was highly confident that the night would be dry, but in the hopes of attracting the faint of heart, Bob sent out an email forewarning us that he would be revealing the destination for this ride in a 5:00PM email. This was so that those who did not want to chance riding in the cold/wind/rain could meet us at the restaurant. But by late afternoon the sun began to peek through and it looked like we just might get to ride this time without the raingear. By ride time, however, Mother Nature had kicked up some pretty hellacious winds, just to keep things interesting. OMG!

The members and friends of BKWIVI left our kick-off spot at the MCTS Park & Ride on Watertown Plank Road at about 6:20PM after waiting for Steve Bzdusek (Bob's BFF - AEAE) to arrive. From there Bob led us toward the Milwaukee County Zoo and then on a route due-east, primarily through residential neighborhoods. We rode past Cannon Park and then onto the Pettit Skate Center lot where we all got one of the last close-up views of the Halloween Express Giant Pumpkin Tent before it was blown down later that evening, courtesy of the aforementioned winds.

We proceeded toward the Miller Valley where we brushed up against the neighborhoods of Piggsville, Martin Drive and Cold Spring Park. Then, of course, in keeping with the URTAPP tradition (do two rides a tradition make?) of including a H-D

site on the route, we rode past the company headquarters at 37<sup>th</sup> & Juneau.

Next, putting an emphasis on the "U" in URTAPP, Bob led us down Wells St. to N. 25<sup>th</sup> St. A left turn there and then a quick right onto a red brick alley found us alongside the vacant lot that was once the Oxford Apartments at 924 N. 25<sup>th</sup> St. Sound familiar? You might remember the Oxfords most notorious resident, Jeffrey Dahmer. WTF!



The site of the former Oxford Apartments

Well, Bob guided us safely back to Wells St. and we continued east to downtown Milwaukee where Bob had secured for us 'Rock Star Parking' at the Hyatt Hotel. And after exchanging even more "OMG's" and "WTF's" about the strong winds, we made our way, ASAP, across the street to our 2<sup>nd</sup> URTAPP destination; The Calderone Club.

In attendance was, of course, Bob Barr (guest - "Big Steve"), Mike Zivicki (guest - John Wilkum), Steve Bzdusek, Chuck Homa, Jim "Tiny" & Patti Kindt, Julian Gonzalez, Jr., Carl Karwacki & Janis Smolinski and Joe & Doni Kubicek. Unfortunately however, the Calderone Club isn't ideally suited for large groups so we had to break down into four separate tables but the food was great and everyone had the usual Good Time!

In keeping with the "urban" spirit, Doni & I rode home on W. North Ave. from N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. to W. Lisbon Ave. And although it was fun (?) to see some of the areas that I haven't seen since I retired, might I suggest, Bob, that next time maybe you could consider a RRTAPP?



## NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

### It Could Be Worse . . .

Joe Kubicek

As most of you know, Jim "Mac" McCarthy from IL X put out a call for help via email in early October. It seems that Gil Farrow (IL X) had been tasked with heading up the registration for the Rolling Thunder 'Toys for Tots' run at the VA Center in N. Chicago on October 11<sup>th</sup> and had no one to help. Gil estimated that he'd need 5-6 people to make it run smoothly so Doni switched her work hours and we were set to meet Carl Karwacki & Jim Bagurdes at the Ryan Rd. truck stop at 7:15AM.

#### GLOOM, DISPAIR & AGONY ON ME

With a wakeup temperature of 27°, Doni & I bundle up and hit the road. As we ride s/b on US 45 over the North Avenue bridge the bike begins to shimmy, like when you ride over a grated bridge. Shit, I know that feeling - flat tire!

Once safely on the side of the road, we've got to call Carl and let him know that our plans for the day just changed dramatically. Of course we don't have Carl's phone number so we call Dennis who, in turn, makes the notification. Next, we scroll through the few numbers that Doni has in her cell phone to see who, at 7:00AM on a cold Sunday morning, would be chosen to come to our rescue.

As we're drawing straws to pick our lucky winner a Milwaukee County Sheriff's Deputy pulls up and offers me a ride home to get my truck and trailer. And it turns out that Sandy Santoro is also working in that sector so she stands-by with the bike and lets Doni warm up in her squad.

#### DEEP DARK DEPRESSION, EXCESSIVE MISERY

When I get home I go in the house to take off my colors and chaps and promptly lock the keys in the house! Say it with me now; "Just freakin' wonderful!" But I'm able to find a chink in the armor of our house and I break in, without doing any damage mind you, grab the keys and proceed to hook up the trailer to the truck.

#### IF IT WEREN'T FOR BAD LUCK I'D HAVE NO LUCK A'TALL

Minutes later I'm once again on the freeway approaching W. North Avenue and at the exact same spot that the bike tire went flat, the truck decelerates dramatically and warning bells

ring. The engine light comes on and the digital message center reads "Reduced Engine Power". "Are you kidding me?!"

#### GLOOM, DISPAIR & AGONY ON ME!

Well, I coast to the distress lane with my crippled truck and stop just ahead of my crippled bike. We lower the ramp and notice the angle at which the ramp meets the trailer deck and wonder if the bike frame will clear. Well, wonder no more - It don't! If only there were some air in that rear tire, I think it just might clear. Oh well, having come this far I'll be damned if I'm going to let that hold me up so, with Doni pushing I give-er-hell, spin the flat tire and scrape it up on the trailer!

The truck starts, although the engine light is still brightly lit, but all of the gauges read normal so we skip the freeway, stick to Hwy 100 and make it home without further incident.

It turns out that Jim couldn't find Carl on Ryan Rd. so he turned around and went home. Carl & Janis made it to N. Chicago and Janis reports that everything went off there without much trouble.



OCTOBER - BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

### Blast From The Past

(Excerpts from the Chapter VI archives)

#### July, 1979:

*"Schneider's Safety Tip of the Month":*

*City driving presents many hazards, but one of the most dangerous to us bike riders is when your (sic) passing along some parked cars and someone opens a car door. Get in the habit of looking along those rows of cars and see if anyone is in them. If they are occupied - BE AWARE.*

#### January, 1984:

*It was discussed and agreed upon that the Chapter could better their image if we took part in more community activities. Therefore, a Community Relations Committee was set up.*