

# BLUE KNIGHTS

## INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB



## Wisconsin Chapter VI

## Metro-Milwaukee

February 2010



The February meeting was held Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> at Alioto's. President Jim "Tiny" Kindt called the meeting to order at 7:15PM and the group observed a moment of silence to honor the members of Heaven-I, followed by a group recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Despite the arrival of Snowmageddon 2010, a hale and hearty group of 19 people braved the treachery that was the roadways of Metro-Milwaukee to attend this important final meeting before our Sweetheart Dance fundraiser.

Jim Crouse wrestled the keys for Pork's van from her vise-like hoof so that he could better traverse the snow covered roads, and those monitoring Milwaukee's traffic cam's saw Kim doing 360° circles on her way, as well.

### Minutes

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

### Treasurers Report

Brian was called in to work due to the weather and had to cancel shortly before the meeting, thus, the February treasurers' report was tabled.

### Old Business

- Joe, in Paul's absence, updated the group on the upcoming chapter Go-Kart event. ([www.stockys.us](http://www.stockys.us))

The date is Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and we'll "start our engines" at 11AM with three races per person, 15-20 laps each. We'll have the track to ourselves for an hour before they open to the public at 12PM. A pizza buffet will follow, with garlic bread (possibly salad - "still negotiating" that one) and unlimited soda. \$5 pitchers of beer will also be available.

Paul has put together a flier/registration form (attached) for the event and asks everyone that is interested in attending to fill one out and mail it in to him, ASAP, along with your money.

The following questions were raised:

Q: Are spectators allowed? If so, is there a "pizza buffet only" price? A: Yes - \$5.95

Q: Are children allowed? A: Yes - Must be 54" tall to ride alone. Stocky's has one "double seated kart" so if someone has a child smaller than 54" they can utilize that kart.

- Kim reported on the status of the Sweetheart Dance and, with just days to go, all things seem to be in order. A quick tally showed about 70 tickets sold so far from the information she's received to date.

With most of the "i's" dotted and "t's" crossed, this session was mostly a brainstorming and loose ends sort of discussion. What few questions remain, such as where the door prize table and booze raffle table will be located will be determined during set up on Saturday.

Jim Klisch from Lakefront Brewery will be delivering two (donated) barrels of beer (a half-bbl and a quarter-bbl) and he will take care of setting them up for us as well.

Chuck asked if we need members to dispense the beer or if the attendees would be serving themselves. He was concerned because of the excessive waste of beer he noticed at our International Convention when guests served their own beer. Kim was not sure if the donated beer would be behind the bar (where hall staff would be serving it) or if it would be out in the public area. If the latter is correct, we can assign members on a rotating basis to monitor if necessary. Ted & Pat have already volunteered to do just that and, no doubt, they'll probably have to arm wrestle Chuck just to get close to the tappers!

NOTE: The Pick-n-Save just east of the hall allows Tanner-Paull patrons to use their lot. Kim requests that

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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

\* Exception for February, 2010 -  
See Announcements

our members utilize that option and leave what little street parking that is available for our guests.

Kim contacted the hall (post meeting) and found out that the other event that was scheduled for the hall on the night of our dance has been cancelled. Kim wants everyone to know that the kitchen at the hall will be closed so there will be no food available at the hall.

## New Business

Steve Schultz floated the idea of a group outing to the 2011 International Motorcycle Show in Chicago. ([www.motorcycleshow.com/Chicago](http://www.motorcycleshow.com/Chicago)) The date is not yet set but this year's event is February 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

Steve's suggestion is that we charter a bus (56 person capacity). He has a good friend that drives for Coach USA and the cost would be about \$700. Of course there would be some additional costs for refreshments on the bus and for admission tickets (2010 prices are \$12 in advance).

Steve suggests getting there about 12PM and spending about four hours or so. He has attended the event in the past and he terms it "a damn good time".

The suggestion was made that, in the event we can't fill the bus on our own, we could extend an invitation to neighboring chapters as well.

As the 2011 event grows closer and the dates are announced, Steve will renew the suggestion and we'll decide if there is enough interest/commitment to pursue the idea.

## Roll Call

Scott Wysocki, Robert E. Barr, Steve Schultz, Chuck Homa, Jim & Patti Kindt, Steve Bzdusek, Carl Karwacki, Gary Davey, Kim Fisher-Waliszewski, Julian Gonzalez, Jr., Sandy Santoro, Chad Stiles, Eddie Kunicki, Jim Crouse, Bob McDermott, Pete Simet and Doni & Joe Kubicek

## Announcements

As most of you know, in past years we have scheduled the monthly dinner ride on a set day each month, i.e.: first Tuesday. Last year, however, we chose to schedule each month's ride on a different day of the week so that those who could never attend on a set day (be it Tuesday,

Wednesday, Thursday, etc.) would have a better chance of making it to at least some of our dinner rides.

Pete announced at this month's meeting that he received several requests to go back to a set day of the week and a set week of the month because several people complained to him that having the ride on other than a set day and week was confusing and difficult to keep track of, causing some members to miss some rides they may otherwise have attended.

At our next monthly meeting we will discuss the upcoming schedule in regards to our monthly dinner and brunch rides. Prior to next month's meeting, Pete would like to hear from each of us regarding which day of the week we would prefer for the monthly ride. Further, Pete requests a reply from everyone, even those of you that have no preference. You can email Pete directly at [psimet@wi.rr.com](mailto:psimet@wi.rr.com).

Please indicate your first choice of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or that you have no preference and could make whichever day is picked so that he can schedule the day on which most people are available.

As in the past, if you have a suggestion for a new (or old) place to try, either for dinner rides or brunch rides, please let Bob or Pete know so we can put it on the schedule.

Chuck has already suggested we do an extra ride for a Friday fish fry and smart money says we could even encourage Bob to plan another URTAPP ride, or possibly even something new!

February 50/50 raffle:  
\$86.00/\$43.00  
WINNER - Scott Wysocki  
Rivet balance = \$265.50

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:52PM**

**You Add The Caption**

So, you've always wanted to do your own comic strip but somehow none of Charles Schulz, Walt Kelly or Dik Browne's DNA found its way into your bloodline, huh? Well, let's just see how creative you can be when the artist meets you halfway. And yes,

asking your spouse, friend, child, neighbor, etc. to help is creative!

Have some fun with the below strip (copied with permission from the artist, Lee Styron) and show us what you can come up with. Just shoot an email to [kubydoo@att.net](mailto:kubydoo@att.net) with your best "one liners" and I'll publish them (credited or anonymously) in next months newsletter.



**WI State Convention**

(Info. for this article partly obtained from La Crosse City Guide)

Are you making plans for the summer yet? Maybe the International Convention in Billings, MT is a bit too far for you to travel this year but you still want to get away and ride for a weekend. How about checking out our very own WI State Convention, hosted by WI VIII in La Crosse, WI, June 11-13?

The La Crosse area is a motorcyclist's playground. While other portions of the continent were scrubbed by glaciers during the last Ice Age, La Crosse and its environs escaped the frozen onslaught. As a result, the area boasts a picturesque landscape rife with natural features - a composition of bluffs, waterways, hills, and valleys.

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earlier days the region was the domain of Native Americans who plied the waters of the Upper Midwest via these liquid roadways. In the 17th century, French traders explored the area and bolstered the town's development into the 18th century. In fact, they provided La Crosse its moniker, naming it for the curved stick used in an Indian game similar to modern-day lacrosse.

By the mid-19th century, Nathan Myrick, a young New Yorker, established a trading post on a river island, moving shortly thereafter to the mainland, where he mapped out the future town. As steamboat traffic increased, more folks began to settle, finding merit in the area's fertile soils and in trade opportunities afforded by land, rail, and water. Lumber was also profitable, as was beer-making (La Crosse was surpassed at one time only by Milwaukee in its output).

These days, the city is an inviting locale, prized for its natural beauty and comfortable ambiance. Recreation abounds, and the presence of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse showcases culture and education. In addition, La Crosse takes great pride in preserving its historic structures and has revitalized its downtown commercial district with thoughtful renovations that highlight the city's architecture. Local museums, gracious paddle wheeler cruises, views from lofty Grandad Bluff, the pedestrian-friendly river walk at Riverside Park, and the shops of Old Towne North provide a measure of local color and an amiable introduction to La Crosse that can't be beat.

La Crosse, WI; county seat, river town, university city - it's all these and more, an admirable feat for a friendly town whose population proper just breaks 50,000.

Your early registration fee (on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>) of \$35 includes;

- Friday brat and hot dog dinner
- Saturday waffles & cinnamon roll breakfast
- Saturday guided motorcycle rides
  - Riverboat Casino Run
  - Hansen's Holdup Scenic Bluff Run
- Saturday BBQ dinner
- Sunday continental breakfast
- Beer, soda & H<sup>2</sup>O all weekend
- Door prizes, 50/50 raffle/more

Camping is available for \$18/night for tent only and \$23/night with water/electric hookups. If you'd prefer a hotel, your hosts have made arrangements with the Microtel Inn (\$70/night) and the AmericInn (\$95/night).



**Happy Birthday To You**

Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> Kristi Bleickardt  
 Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> Robert McDermott

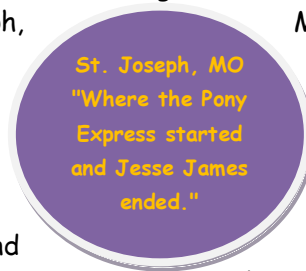
**Summer MWRC**

(Info regarding St. Joseph, MO obtained from wikipedia.org)

So Billings is too far and La Crosse isn't quite far enough for you, huh? Another option (which unfortunately coincides with our State Convention this year, June 11-13) is the 2010 Summer Midwest Regional Convention in St. Joseph, MO, hosted by the members of KC-Metro.

In recent years there has been an increasing amount of interaction between our chapter members and those in the MWRC, and many of us have found the MWRC events to be a great deal of fun.

St. Joseph, MO was founded by Joseph Robidoux, a local fur trader, and officially incorporated in 1843. In its early days, it was a bustling outpost and rough frontier town, serving as a last supply point and jumping-off point over the Missouri River toward the "Wild West". This was due largely to the fact that it was the westernmost point in the United States accessible by rail until after the American Civil War.



Several events of particular historical note occurred in St. Joseph. Between April 3, 1860, and late October 1861, St. Joseph was one of the two endpoints of the Pony Express. In 1882, also on April 3, the notorious Jesse James was killed at his home, originally located at 1318 Lafayette, now sited next to The Patee House, a hotel that had formerly served as the home of both Patee Female College and St. Joseph Female College. James was living under the alias of Mr. Howard. An excerpt from a popular poem of the time is: "...that dirty little coward that shot Mr. Howard has laid poor Jesse in his grave."

The predecessors of the Heaton-Bowman-Smith Funeral Home conducted the funeral for Jesse James and the current proprietors maintain a small museum which is open to the public. James' home, which has been relocated at least three times, is now maintained as a tourist attraction that features the bullet hole from that fateful shot. These two events lend St. Joseph the slogan, "Where the Pony Express started and Jesse James ended."

St. Joseph peaked as an expansionist city in 1900, with a census population of 102,979. At the time, it was the home to one of the largest wholesale companies in the Midwest, the Nave & McCord Mercantile Company, as well as the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, and C.D. Smith & Company, which would become C.D. Smith Healthcare.

In 1997, St. Joseph was named an "All-America City" by the National Civic League. St. Joseph was voted the top true western town of 2007 by the True West Magazine, in the January/February 2008 issue. St. Joseph is also the home of Rosecrans Memorial Airport and 139th Airlift wing of the Missouri National Guard.

Your hosts, the KC-Metro chapter, has put together a fun-filled weekend and the event will feature;

- Daily breakfast (Fri, Sat & Sun)
- Friday burger & hot dog dinner
- Refreshments & snacks in a non-smoking hospitality room
- Friday night "No Limit" Texas Hold 'em Poker Tourney (Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Saturday lunch at Terrible's Casino
- Saturday banquet, awards ceremony, dancing and more

At a distance of only 550 miles from Milwaukee to St. Joseph, MO, why not plan a trip to our neighboring conference this year? Registration is just \$65 and includes a free event T-shirt if postmarked by March 15<sup>th</sup>. The host hotel is a Ramada Inn Property and the Blue Knight room rate is \$70/night.

### Editors Note

The monthly "Blast from the Past" feature has gone the way of "Tiny's Tidbits". Not unlike a Five Star English restaurant or a Chicago Bear victory, only time will tell if either will ever be seen again!

### Who Am I?



I have an IQ of 160, despite having dropped out of high school

I'm named after a Burt Reynolds character on "Gunsmoke"

I'm a big fan of Larry, Moe & Curly

I've been quoted: "Violent films don't turn children into violent people. They may turn them into violent filmmakers, but that's another matter altogether"

### Upcoming Events

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>:** 17<sup>th</sup> Sweetheart Dance, Milwaukee, WI  
(host WI VI) [www.bkwivi.com](http://www.bkwivi.com)

**March 27:** Loyal Few "Spring Fling", Muskego, WI  
(host Loyal Few M/C) <http://loyalfewlemc.webhop.org>

**April 30-May 2:** Spring GLRC, Green Bay WI  
(host WI X) <http://www.bkglrc.com/2010SpringFlyer.pdf>

**May 20-22:** RGC, Hot Springs AK  
(host All AK) <http://www.bkrgc.org/images/RGC2010RegForm.doc>

**June 4-7:** European Conv., Oostduinkerke Belgium  
(host Belgium VI)

**June 11-13:** MWRC, St. Joseph MO  
(host KC Metro) <http://home.comcast.net/~wayneschwartz/MWRC/images/PDFs/SpringRegistration2010.pdf>

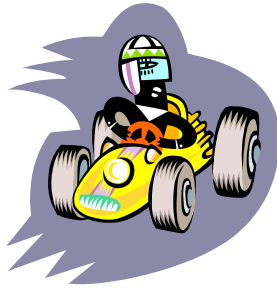
**June 11-13:** WI State Convention, La Crosse WI  
(host WI VIII) [www.wiblueknightsviii.org](http://www.wiblueknightsviii.org)

**July 17-22:** International Convention, Billings MT  
(host MT I) [http://bkwcc.org/site\\_files/2010\\_reg\\_form.pdf](http://bkwcc.org/site_files/2010_reg_form.pdf)

**July 24-28:** WCC/SWC, Grand Junction CO  
[http://bkwcc.org/site\\_files/WCCSWC\\_conference\\_pdf.pdf](http://bkwcc.org/site_files/WCCSWC_conference_pdf.pdf)

**August 27-29:** Summer GLRC, Perrysburg OH  
(host OH II) <http://www.ohio2blueknights.com/GLRC.html>

**September 10-12:** Fall MWRC, Grand Forks ND  
(host ND I) [www.rrv.net/bknd1](http://www.rrv.net/bknd1)



## BLUE KNIGHTS WI-VI GO KART RACING EVENT

(And 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Steve Bzdusek Bachelor Party!)

# SUNDAY MARCH 21, 2010

Please join in the fun at STOCKY'S FAST TRACK on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
Starting at 11:00 AM we'll have the track to ourselves for an hour before the facility opens to the public, with lunch to follow.

WHERE: Stocky's Fast track 6389 Stockhausen Lane, West Bend, WI.  
(Located next to the West Bend airport off hwy 33)

COST: \$31.65 PER PERSON (includes tax)  
\$5.95 for buffet only

### INCLUDES:

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Three races per person 15-20 laps each, one at the lightning fast C1 speed and two at the regular C2 track speed. The deal also includes a pizza buffet (homemade pizza) with garlic bread, possibly salad (still negotiating) and unlimited soda. \$5 pitchers of beer will be available.

**Please send the form below** indicating the type of pizza you prefer and remit with your check payable to: Paul Serdynski, 2710 kingfisher court, Waukesha, WI. 53189. (262-408-2885)

Please send in your reservation forms & checks by the March meeting date (3/16/2010). Thanks for your cooperation!

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NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE PIZZA: CHEESE \_\_\_ SAUSAGE \_\_\_ PEPPERONI \_\_\_ ONIONS \_\_\_ MUSHROOMS \_\_\_

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