

BLUE KNIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Wisconsin Chapter VI Metro-Milwaukee

May/June 2010



The May meeting was held at Alioto's on May 18th and President Kindt called the meeting to order at 7:11PM. We began with a moment of silence to honor the members of Heaven-I and that was followed by a group recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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). Motion to accept; Chuck. Second; Dennis. All in favor.

Old Business

- Tiny began by saying that, so far, one member has agreed to join him on the committee of the recently formed Blue Knights Charities fund and he would like at least one more member to volunteer before the close of the meeting.

Tiny explained that the committee would simply tweak the policy that has already been discussed at recent meetings and then the membership will vote on what they've come up with. "Then, probably what's going to happen is once a year, at one meeting", the committee will meet afterwards and

decide which charities would receive donations and how much they would receive. The membership would make suggestions to the committee regarding charities that the committee should consider. (Note: additional info follows on page 3)

- Ted said that he has ordered 50 sets of colors at a cost of \$850. It was unknown at this point if that included all fees and tax.

- Ted also said that we are running low on shirts and Tiny suggested that Ted get together with the quartermaster to discuss our future needs. It was then pointed out by many that Ted is our quartermaster!

- Andre told us about the success of the most recent Stars & Stripes Honor Flight, for which our chapter and several members made donations. After spending a 90° day in D.C. our vet's were still full of energy on arrival back in Milwaukee where they were greeted by approximately 1,000 grateful people with an equally impressive number of American Flags. Both Andre and Kristi attended.

On that topic, Tiny again thanked those members who had made personal donations to the S&S Honor Flight. Tiny went on to say that anyone that made a contribution should see Joe for a receipt (tax purposes). Joe complained, saying that he felt that sort of thing seemed to fall under the responsibility of the treasurer, not the secretary, but Tiny gently refreshed Joe's memory; "You're my bitch and you'll do what I tell you". Therefore, contact your humbled secretary if you need a receipt!

New Business

- Tiny told the group that letters from the candidates for International Office (outlining their qualifications) have been published in the GLRC newsletter. These are the people that each of us will have an opportunity to vote for this fall.

Dennis went on to say that ballot returns for International elections are typically around 20%. He stressed the importance of each member voting and once again invites all to ask either him, a board member or anyone else familiar with the candidates and their platforms.

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During summer riding months:

Dinner rides leave at 6:00PM

4th Wednesday of each month

Brunch rides leave at 10:00AM

2nd 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

Pete Simet, Scott Wysocki, Bob Barr,
Chuck Homa, Jim & Patti Kindt,
Dennis Hafeman, Bob McDermott, Brian
Bortmess, Herman Kremkau, Mike Zivicki, Carl
Karwacki, Paul Serdynski, Ted & Pat Engelbart,
Andre & Kristi Bleickardt, Michael Stroessner,
Kenn Ziebell, Kim Fisher-Waliszewski, Jesse
Benitez, Steve Schultz, Tom Listinsky, Al Miller,
Eddie Kunicki, Gary & Mary Davey, Julian
Gonzales, Jr., Jim Bagurdes, Steve Lesniewski,
Sandy Santoro, Kevin Porter & Kris Hennen, Jim
Crouse, and Doni & Joe Kubicek.

- Tiny also said that candidates for the Board of Governors have been announced. They are:

Chair - Bob Seelye, WA I (unopposed)

Vice-Chair - Lon Strayer, PA XII (incumbent)

- Glen Wheat, IN XIII

Secretary - Jimmy Schneider, NY X (incumbent)

- Pam Carleton, ONT IV

Treasurer - Mike Rickard, NY V (unopposed)

Each chapter president is a voting member of the Board of Governors and as such, each will have a vote at the BOG meeting on July 19th in Billings, MT. Since Tiny will be voting on behalf of the membership he asks for your input as to which candidates you would like to see him vote for.

May 50/50 raffle:

\$153.00/\$77.00 to winner

WINNER - Ted Engelbart

Rivet balance = \$63.00

GLRC News

- Tiny announced that during the business meeting at the Spring GLRC (Green Bay, WI), Dennis was the sole nominee for the office of GLRC vice-chairman and Joe was the sole nominee for the office of GLRC treasurer. Both will take office at the Summer GLRC meeting in Perrysburg, OH August 28th, and each is a two-year term.

- Dennis reports that there are still no bids for the Spring or Summer GLRC's in 2011. On that note, John Gordon, our GLRC International Rep., is planning on introducing a proposal that would, in the absence of any bids for an immediate upcoming GLRC, allow the GLRC board to approve any GLRC bid that would come in after the meeting immediately preceding the upcoming GLRC.

Announcements

- Dennis said that the deadline for notifying International about intent for bidding to host the 2012 International has passed (May 1st is the cutoff) and only one chapter has announced their intent to bid. That is TX XXXIV in Tyler, TX, approximately 100 miles east of Dallas. They intend to bid for the 4th week of July instead of the customary 3rd week due to hotel constraints.

- Jesse has heard some complaints from winners of our booze raffle, specifically that they won a bottle of wine (or similar) when they had been told this was actually a *booze* raffle.

Maybe next time we'll have to be more specific in our advertising and ticket printing so as not to alienate our supporters.

- Joe said that John Gordon is selling raffle tickets to help fund a memorial Eagle Scout scholarship in memory of his son who was killed in a motorcycle accident with a vehicle in which the other driver was texting.

Tickets are \$10 each and 1st prize is a 42" HD flat screen TV which John will personally deliver anywhere in the US. If in Canada, John promises to meet you at the border! See Joe for tickets.

Blue Knights Charities Committee

Before the close of the meeting, Tiny made one more plea for volunteers to join Dennis and himself on the committee. Ed Kunicki stepped up and volunteered, as did Kristi Bleickardt.

Tiny said that the committee meeting wouldn't take place until September or October and should last no more than about 15 minutes.

Next meeting

Tuesday, September 21st @ 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:51PM

On a motion by Dennis and a second by Mike Z.



Happy Birthday to You!

June 7 th -	Mark Newell
June 8 th -	Bob Barr
June 10 th -	Joe Kubicek
June 13 th -	Fernando Rojas
June 14 th -	Ted Engelbart
June 21 st -	Chuck Homa
June 22 nd -	Chad Stiles
July 3 rd -	Herman Kremkau
July 5 th -	Sandy Santoro
July 9 th -	Wendy Schoessow
July 12 th -	Gary Davey
July 16 th -	Brian Bortmess
July 21 st -	Jessica Stanmeyer
July 29 th -	Mark Stanmeyer
July 31 st -	Ray Teriaca
August 1 st -	Steven Lesniewski
August 2 nd -	Kim Fisher-Waliszewski
August 4 th -	Peter Simet
August 11 th -	Andre Bleickardt
August 15 th -	Jesse Benitez
August 28 th -	Dennis Hafeman
August 30 th -	George Markopoulos

State Convention

Jim "Tiny" Kindt

Patti and I attended the State Convention in Onalaska, WI June 11th - 13th and had a great time with our hosts, Chapter VIII. President Mike Haldeman (one of the few guys that truly make me feel "Tiny") and his crew did a fantastic job.

The weather was dark and overcast as we set off and stayed that way for most of the weekend, but we didn't see rain 'til late at night, and then again during the last 20 minutes of our ride home.

There was a wide variety of refreshments, including some homemade "shine", and the food was truly excellent. Especially the Saturday night meal, prepared by "Sgt. Smoker", which included ribs, brisket and pulled pork. Culvers even stopped by and brought us ice cream for dessert, along with some birthday cake. That's right, we all sang happy birthday to our own former member Cindy Drees on her 32nd birthday (again).

The rides on Saturday looked like they were going to be washed out, but a number of hearty

riders ventured out anyway and it sounded like they had a great time. I mounted four wheels with Bruce Gondert from Chapter II and headed to the casino where I lost my butt and got a mild case of food poisoning (what fun!).

We had a fair amount of members show up including 1st time attendee Chuck Homa. Brian Bortmess, who was participating in a diving class nearby, also found time to stop in. Hey LT., is it cool to drink at a motorcycle event while you are on the county's "dime"? I won't tell!

Next year's convention will be hosted by Chapter IX in Manitowoc and Patti & I are already looking forward to it. Hopefully even more of you will be able to make that one.

Tiny "let's be safe out there" Esterhaus

We've Lost a Brother



"Did anyone tell you they loved you today?
Well, I love you."

Longtime member and good friend Joe "Handsome Joe" Szombathelyi transferred to Heaven-I on June 2nd. Although not particularly active with the chapter these last few years, Joe was a key player in the history of Chapter VI and his membership dates back to the 70's.

Joe dropped out of the club for a few years back in the 90's however our paths crossed once again, quite unexpectedly, when after a dinner ride we stopped into a local gin mill and, lo-and-behold, there was Joe tending bar. It didn't take much time, exchanging stories and swapping lies, and Joe was back in the fold where he truly belonged.

Former (longtime) members Jerry and Evie Pieper told me that they remembered Joe's kids from "back in the day" and they had fond memories of the laughter, camaraderie and good times.

Chapter VI extends heartfelt condolences to Joe's family and we join you in feeling his loss.



Happy Anniversary!

August 13th - Gary & Mary Davey

May Dinner Ride

Steve Bzdusek

On May 28th our Knights converged on the Watertown Plank Road park-n-ride with one eye on the sky as the weather was threatening to put a damper on the May dinner ride. All it would do is threaten, however, as those in attendance experienced yet another enjoyable ride through the southwest side led by Pete Simet and Bob Barr.

We arrived at Amelia's (across from the airport) and were greeted with a hearty welcome from the staff who led us to our reserved tables. A big thanks here to Mike Zivicki for greasing the skids prior to our arrival. This ride was well attended and included: Al & Judy Miller, Sandy and Nick Santoro, Bobby Barr, Steve Bzdusek, Chuck Homa, Scott Wysocki, Mike Zivicki, Big Steve Schultz and Pete Simet.

Thanks to the all-you-can-eat fish and chicken dinners, no one went away hungry and our thirst was slaked by the fine assortment of tap and bottled beer as well as their many other offerings.

And with the weather having shaped up nicely, we all enjoyed a beautiful dusk ride home. Wish you all could have been there.

Ride with pride!
Your fellow Knight,
Steve Bzdusek

Upcoming Blue Knight Events

July 17-22: International Convention, Billings, MT
(host MT I)

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

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