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But of course it wouldn't be a GLRC if there wasn't a business meeting. For the first time in three years I actually had it easy. As the conference vice chairman all I needed to do was read a brief report, sit back and watch Secretary Tom Peed and Treasurer Joe Kubicek handle most of the work. As far as actual business to discuss goes there wasn't much on the agenda, but I'll let our Prez fill you in on the details. Most of the International executive officers were present: President Bob Flanagan, Vice President DJ Alvarez, and Treasurer Jerry Bryan, and from the Board of Governors Secretary Jimmy Schneider and Treasurer Mike Rickard. The most important part of the meeting this time was hearing bids for the 2012 spring and summer GLRCs. The 2012 spring GLRC will be in Niagara Falls NY March 30-April 1 (hosted by NY V) and the 2012 summer GLRC will be in Collingwood Ontario Canada August 17-19 (hosted by ON VIII). As registration forms become available I'll get them sent out to all of you and to the web manager to post on our web site.

After the meeting we were tossed into the back of a Cleveland Police prisoner transport and conveyed to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The building is a four story glass pyramid, which reminded Laura and me of the Louvre. Displayed inside was a treasure trove of items spanning rock's roots in the 1950's through today's modern artists. Guitars, costumes, and tons of memorabilia you couldn't imagine were there for the viewing (like the Doors lead singer Jim Morrison's Boy Scout uniform and Janis Joplin's psychedelic Porsche). A very cool place if you're a rocker, but be advised admission is a bit steep (\$22) if you visit. Fortunately we'd all signed up for the tour early and scored free passes.

Afterwards it was back to the hotel to get ready for the banquet. After the posting of the colors by the Cleveland Police Honor Guard and an appearance by the Cleveland Police Pipe and Drum Corp it was time for dinner and awards. Joe had the opportunity to pass on the Thank You Bob Award, an award given to the Blue Knight who displays the most chauvinistic attitude. This year's recipient was Illinois State Rep Gayle Murnane, the first woman to receive the dubious "honor." There was even a special award for Bob Jarosz, the member of WI XI who made the trek on his motorcycle and was the *only* member who braved the cold and rode (should have been called the Blue Balls Award in my opinion). Then it was back to the usual jackassery and partying, with Joe and me closing the hospitality suite around 4:30 AM, making for a very long (and need I say intentionally slow) ride back home later that morning. The miracle of cruise control: keeping me citation free since March 24<sup>th</sup>.

With riding weather finally here it's not too late to start planning for *your* convention experience. Check out the upcoming events box in this newsletter for links to the summer GLRC, Wisconsin State Convention, the two Midwest Regional conventions, and of course the 2011 International Convention. I highly recommend attending these events. They're a great way to meet fellow Knights and enjoy what the club is about; camaraderie and good times.

Just a quick reminder: the 2011 membership cards are out. I have them, and will be bringing them to meetings and rides. Now all you have to do to claim your brand new card is show up at one of these club functions. There are still a few of you who haven't claimed your 2010 cards!

Well, that's enough out of me for one month. See you all down the road very soon.

"Lost in America,"

"Wrongway" Dennis

## Minutes of the Chapter Meeting

- 1) The monthly chapter meeting was called to order by President Jim Kindt at 7:04 PM on Tuesday, April 19, 2011.
- 2) President Kindt led the membership in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for brother Blue Knights and officers in need.
- 3) **Special guests/new members.** There were none present.
- 4) A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting (3/15/11) was made by Bob McDermott and seconded by Herman Kremkau. Motion passed.
- 5) **Treasurer's report.** Treasurer Bortmess was not present due to a home emergency, and the report was read by President Kindt. (Final numbers are not published in this forum). A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Bob McDermott and seconded by Mike Stroessner. Motion passed.
- 6) **Old business:**

**Sweetheart's Dance.** President Kindt asked if anyone was interested in chairing the 2012 dance. Hearing no volunteers, he asked Sandy Santoro to chair the event; she accepted with a request for help from other members. President Kindt appointed Kim Fischer-Waliszewski to co-chair (in absentia). Joe Kubicek also volunteered to run the event. Secretary Hafeman stated that he had a conversation with Paul, the manager of Milwaukee HD, and they would be interested in hosting the dance again. Paul explained that some of the communication problems experienced on their end were due to owner Chaz being extremely busy. Paul and Nicole have offered to be the contacts should we return. President Kindt stated he'd like to see a firm date in place by the May meeting, which will facilitate donation letters and earlier ticket sales. Sandy Santoro stated she would like to talk to the House of Harley, who also expressed interest in hosting the event. Secretary Hafeman stated that while reading old newsletters he observed that several past dances were held later in the year and not always around Valentine's Day. He also suggested a theme, like a sock hop or costume party.

At this point Joe Kubicek stated he would be passing around several examples of chapter challenge coins for the members to examine. He stated he would explain why under new business.

**Stocky's Go Cart event.** Paul Serdynski was not present, so Bob Barr gave a brief report. He stated there were no injuries and everyone had a good time. He believed 13 members had shown up.

**There was no further old business discussed.**

- 7) **New business:**

**International/GLRC updates and issues:** Secretary Hafeman stated that he had recently attended the Spring GLRC in Cleveland Ohio. He stated that during the business meeting there were bids made for the 2012 spring and Summer GLRCs. He stated that the 2012 Spring GLRC will be held in Niagara Falls NY, hosted by NY V. The dates are March 30-April 1, 2012. The host hotel is the Sheridan by the Falls, with

a \$77 a night room rate. Registration is \$65 per person; after March 1, 2012 the registration goes up to \$75. The hotel is within walking distance of the falls, and there is a casino across the river in Canada.

The 2012 Summer GLRC will be in Collingwood Ontario Canada, hosted by ON VIII. The dates are August 17-19, 2012. The host hotel is the Blue Mountain Resort, with a \$94 plus tax (US) per night room rate. Registration will be \$80, including two meals, possibly breakfast, and beer and soda in the hospitality suites.

Secretary Hafeman also stated that he has heard of the first chapter to bid for the 2013 International Convention. Arkansas IV will be bidding, with the event being held in Hot Springs Arkansas.

Joe Kubicek stated that he and Doni, and possibly other members will be going to New York for the annual Suicide Run. This run is being held on Sunday, August 14, 2011 and is a police escorted ride through the five boroughs of NY. It is his intention to leave for the run Wednesday or Thursday, and after the run spend time in NY touring before going to the summer GLRC in Canton Ohio the following weekend. Pre ride events include a police escorted ride to Times Square and other areas of the city (Chinatown, Little Italy). Several members commented on the ride, having attended in the past. The host hotel has a \$99 plus tax room rate, and charges an additional \$10 for parking. The hotel is in a secure area of NY.

**International awards:** President Kindt gave a run down of the various awards given annually by the International at the convention. He stated that the deadline for submitting nominations is rapidly approaching. He also spoke about the Blue Knights Scholarship award, and had several copies of the form available for members. The deadline for submitting the applications is June 1. This year's essay theme is ethics.

**9/11 Memorial in Lisbon:** President Kindt spoke about a planned September 11 memorial being built in the Town of Lisbon. The matter was brought to his attention by member Mark Meyer, who consults with the Lisbon Fire Department. Donations of \$100 will purchase a memorial brick, \$500 will buy brick pavers, \$1,000 a bench, and \$1,500 a water fountain. After a great deal of discussion a motion was made and seconded to purchase a \$100 brick. The motion passed. A vote was taken regarding the wording to be put on the brick; either Blue Knights WI VI or Blue Knights LEMC WI VI. 10 members favored the adding of LEMC, while 9 voted against it. Majority ruled, and the brick will state "Blue Knights" on the first line and "LEMC WI VI" on the second. President Kindt stated he would contact Treasurer Bortmess to complete the form and send in the check.

**WI VI Challenge Coins:** Joe Kubicek stated that he saw a challenge coin on the internet that featured a functional bottle opener. He stated that this appeared unique and as such suggested the chapter consider making one with our chapter colors. The suggested coin would have our chapter colors on one side, and the International crest on the reverse. Wording around the edge would be later determined. A great deal of discussion took place regarding the size of the coin, with a 2.5" being able to fit our entire chapter patch on the interior, and a 2" diameter being able to only hold the center patch design. Joe Kubicek explained that with an order of 300 coins the one time die fee would be cut in half, and further explained the manufacturing costs of each size coin in lots of 200 and 300. Herman Kremkau gave a history of the challenge coin. Prior to manufacturing a sales permit and approval from the International would be required; the deadline for submitting for a sales permit is June 1. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the cost to chapter members for individual purchases, the cost for non chapter members to purchase, and possibly limiting the number of coins a member

can buy. A motion was made and seconded to order the 300 of the 2.5" diameter coins. The motion passed with 4 opposed and 1 abstention. A motion was then made and seconded to have Joe Kubicek develop the artwork; Joe stated that he would be glad to do so but would seek input from various members. The motion passed.

**New business from the floor:** Ed Kunicki stated that he'd had a recent conversation with Sgt. Joe Seitz, the range master with MPD regarding the certification course being offered in Green Bay for concealed carry for retirees. According to Sgt. Seitz this particular college is not conforming to the MPD rules, and Ed Kunicki suggested that any member interested in going to this college check before enrolling. President Kindt stated that the college has state certified instructors and complies with the federal law. Jim Bagurdes stated he needs a list of interested retirees for this course, which is also offered at WCTC in Waukesha for \$80 for a 4 hour course. Jim Bagurdes believes WCTC supplies the ammo, and the indoor range is the one the FBI uses in Muskego. A retiree photo ID is required to participate.

**There was no further new business discussed.**

## **8) Good of the Order:**

President Kindt spoke about the 2011 Police Memorial Service. The event will be on Wednesday, May 4 at 12:15 PM at Macarthur Square in downtown Milwaukee. Bob Barr stated that in the past attendance from the chapter has been poor, and any chapter members attending should wear their colors. Bob stated that anyone interested in attending can meet him at the Ramada parking lot on N. 7/W. Michigan at 11:30 AM and ride to the event as a group.

President Kindt spoke about the Waukesha Sheriff's K-9 ride. Information is available on the WKSO web site, and has been e-mailed to the membership. This is the last year for the ride, which is Sunday, June 5 at 9:00 AM. Registration is from 7:30 AM-8:30 AM at 515 W. Moreland Blvd. There is no rain date.

Secretary Hafeman stated that on Tuesday, May 3 at 6:00 PM the members of WI XVII (Lake Winnebago) are having a recruitment drive at the Elks Club, 175 W. Fernau Av. in Oshkosh. He stated he is probably attending as the GLRC rep, and encouraged other chapter members to attend and show support. WI XVII has recently reorganized.

Bob Barr stated that the dinner ride slated for Wednesday, April 27 will be going to Maddie's Restaurant in Tess Corners (address: 14460 W. College Av, New Berlin). The ride kicks off at 6:00 PM.

Ed Kunicki asked about the upcoming Wisconsin State Convention, which is in the Manitowoc area June 24-26. Ed stated that this coincides with the State HOG rally in the same area, and hotel rooms are booking fast. He has a block of rooms reserved if anyone is interested in attending.

Steve Schultz has several firearms for sale. Contact him if you are interested for further information on what he has available. He is selling several .45 caliber semi autos.

Chuck Homa stated the \$4.99 fish fry at the Mine Shaft has now risen to \$5.99.

**There were no other announcements made.**

## **9) Next meeting is Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's Restaurant.**

- 10) The 50/50 drawing was held, with \$54 going to winner Mike Stroessner and \$54 going to the chapter.
- 11) A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM by President Kindt.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Hafeman  
Secretary, Blue Knights WI VI

## “Save A Buck” Chuck’s Ride Report

Fellow Knights, The brunch ride on 4-10-11 was a beautiful, sunny and 80 degree day but apparently people don't have their riding boots shined as only 8 people showed up. In attendance was Bob Barr, Scott Wysocki, Jim Bagurdes, Gary and Mary Davies, Dan Schmerse, Big Steve and myself.

Bob Barr led us on a circuitous (have you noticed that I like using that word) route to M J Stevens in Hartford where we had an exceptional brunch. Everybody stopped for all the stop signs except 1 person and I won't mention our ride leaders name because that wouldn't be right.

This was such a nice ride that I asked our ride leader, Bob Barr, How do you guys (to include Simet, Porter and Schmerse and whoever else leads us on these nice rides) find these nice routes to which our ride leader, Bob Barr responded by saying that he studies maps. Once again, thanks again to our ride leader, Bob Barr, for a beautiful ride.

Thanks- Chuck Homa 🧐

(Editor's note: speaking for me and “WW2” Chuck maps are very overrated)



### In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of Derry Hegerty, owner of Hegerty's Pub and a longtime friend and supporter of the Blue Knights WI VI. Mr. Hegerty lost his brief battle with gall bladder cancer on April 20, 2011



## ROLL CALL

Bob McDermott, Michael Stroessner, George Markopolous, Tom Listinsky, Eddie Kunicki, Steve Schultz, Robert Barr, Jim Bagurdes, Joe Kubicek, Roger Daltry, Pete Simet, Gary and Mary Davey, Chuck Homa, Larry Thompson, Julian Gonzalez Jr., Kevin Porter, Kris Hennen, Sandy Santoro, Jim Crouse, "X", Steve Lesniewski, Ron Betha, Scott Wysocki, Carl Karwacki, Dennis Hafeman and Herman Kremkau



Happy Birthday

Peggy Paddock-April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Carl Karwacki-April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Michael Zivicki-April 27<sup>th</sup>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

2011 Spring MWRC  
Olathe KS

**June 10-12**  
[www.bkks8.org/events.htm](http://www.bkks8.org/events.htm)

2011 WI State Convention  
Mishicot WI

**June 24-26**  
[www.bkwiix.org/state\\_conv.html](http://www.bkwiix.org/state_conv.html)

2011 International Convention  
ChesapeakeVA

**July 17-21**  
[www.blueknights2011convention.org](http://www.blueknights2011convention.org)

2011 Summer GLRC  
Canton OH

**August 19-21**  
[www.angelfire.com/oh5/blueknightsohxxv](http://www.angelfire.com/oh5/blueknightsohxxv)

2011 Fall MWRC  
Okoboji IA

**September 16-18**  
**TBA**

## Chapter Rides

Brunch rides are held the  
**Second Sunday (10:00 AM)**

AND

Dinner rides are held the  
**Fourth Wednesday (6:00 PM)**

Rides begin in March and run  
through November

Meeting location is the park and  
ride lot adjacent to the Milwaukee  
Children's Center  
HWY 45 and W. Watertown  
Plank Road

Locations TBD

## **Tiny, the man with a gun, and the hotel room**

The Spring GLRC in Cleveland was a great time. Patti and I left Thursday night and pulled into the Doubletree on the lake at about 1:30am. I did not have a reservation for Thursday night so I said casually, "I wonder if I can check in early". The clerk, without skipping a beat said "sure, if you can wait till about 2:30 when the computers are checked by the home office". So getting the name of a local watering hole Patti and I were off! When we got back to the hotel the clerk said it will be a little while yet, so we went outside to wait. While waiting I noticed this well dressed young man walking around on while talking on the phone obviously agitated, then he walked back into the hotel. A while later I went into the lobby while Patti went to the car. As I walked in the door the young man came storming out and almost knocked me down. As I turned around to confront him he just kept on walking and I decided to keep my mouth shut. I walked inside and a housekeeper was yelling at the clerk that the man who just left had put a gun to a woman's head up on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor and said "I am going to kill you." Just then a woman came running out the door and jumped in a car with the guy and took off. I tried to get the plate but no luck. The cops showed up and after a thorough investigation I finally got my room...at 4:00am. Oh yeah, I found out later that they never found the man or the woman.

I will let Dennis fill you in on the rest of the social events, while I will fill you in on some of the business that was covered.

The Spring GLRC will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 in Niagara Falls, NY at the Sheraton, rooms will be \$77.00 a night, and registration will be \$65.00. There will be a hospitality room, and a banquet and comedy show. There is a casino across the street and the falls are a short walk away.

The Summer GLRC will be held in Blue Mountain Ontario on August 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Rooms are \$94.00 a night, and registration is going to be approximately \$80.00. There will be two meals, a hospitality room, and they are working on breakfast. Contrary to normal Canadian events they will not be charging for beer as they have booked a private room for the event. Blue Mountain is located in South Central Ontario and from the pictures looks to be a beautiful setting.

Applications for the BK scholarship need to be turned in before June 1<sup>st</sup>, and are posted on the International website; I will also bring some to the next meeting. The scholarships are open to any Blue Knight's son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter or grandchild. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for International awards such as the Meritorious Service Award. The details for these awards are also on the International website.

One other interesting item is that the European conference rep has asked the BOG to change the bylaws to allow a chapter to raise the amount it can charge its members from \$10.00 to \$200.00. The motion was tabled, and I am sure we will hear more about it before the International convention. I will keep you updated.

Also we were told at the meeting by a source (with a slightly bias view of things) that there is more about the story that will not die. This (source) said that Past President Mulford has made some threatening comments to the office staff in Bangor Maine, and that the board has forbidden him to have any contact with anybody at the office. I have not received any official confirmation. Considering the dirty politics in the last election I will let you make up your own mind about the report, or if you care at all.

Lastly, if Dennis does not tell you about the "shaft award" he received from our host chapter in Ohio, ask him about it!!

Ride With Pride  
Tiny