



# Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

## August 2012 Chapter Newsletter

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### From Your Chapter Secretary

Another summer GLRC has come and gone and this one was a winner. The convention was held from August 17-19, 2012 at the Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, hosted by ON VIII. Joe Kubicek, "Tiny" and Patti Kindt, and Laura and I would be representing WI VI. We were joined on our travels by Brian Gadd, the MWRC International Rep, and Bob "Skippy" Jarosz of WI XI. We decided to get a jump on our weekend by heading across Lake Michigan via the Lake Express ferry on Wednesday afternoon, thus avoiding a ride through The Mistake by the Lake (AKA: Chicago). The trip started a little rough; Bob twisted his ankle when he tripped over a mooring point on the ferry. And before you ask, that isn't why he earned the "Skippy" moniker. He got that title due to his penchant for traveling with a jar of peanut butter (don't ask). And to top it off Joe brought his Softail Deluxe, AKA: "the Rainmaker", guaranteeing us a damp weekend. After a very pleasant two and a half hour boat ride and a quick 200+ mile bike ride we found ourselves in the thriving metropolis of Marysville, MI for the night.

We finished up the ride on Thursday; taking a nice "scenic" ride along the lake shore (I say "scenic" because we only saw the lake three times). The resort itself was excellent; a sprawling complex with a self-contained village filled with shops and restaurants. Plenty of Blue Knights started rolling in, and the party began. A quick grocery run gave us our first Softail soaking of the trip. Thanks to our early arrival we were able to get out and enjoy the area on Friday, starting with a nice ride for a perogi lunch. So, here's a funny road story for your enjoyment. It seemed that Joe used his engine run switch to shut his bike off when we all pulled up by the restaurant, and forgot to shut off the ignition. So after a two hour lunch with his headlight and passing lamps on needless to say his battery was deader than dead. After two spine-wrenching attempts to push start the bike it was Brian Gadd and his trusty Honda and jumper cables to the rescue! I don't think Joe and the Softail will ever fully recover from *that* humiliation. Once Joe was up and running, we took a leisurely ride to Walters Falls (or Rogers Falls if you're "Tiny"). Friday night the party was in full swing, with plenty of that 5% abv Canadian beer to prime the pumps and grilled hot dogs and burgers to soak it up. Unfortunately the hospitality suite closed up early, but that didn't deter the usual suite closing suspects from making the night last longer.

Saturday morning dawned too quickly, and it was time to head to the business meeting. For once there wasn't a lot on the agenda to discuss. Several reports were given by our GLRC officers, including a final address by our outgoing GLRC International Rep John Gordon. I had the pleasure of presenting him with an engraved plaque honoring his service to the conference. During my report as the outgoing GLRC vice chairman I also had the privilege of presenting the GLRC Traveling Recruitment award to IN XIII; this chapter recruited 25 new members in 2011. Wayne MacDonald, a member at large in Ontario, was introduced as the new GLRC safety officer.

"Tiny" provided the membership with an update on the 2013 Spring GLRC. Bill "Bam Bam" Brown of IN I (Muncie) gave an update on the 2013 Summer GLRC. It'll be August 23-25 at the Muncie Fairgrounds. Registration is \$65.00, which includes your hospitality room, Friday burgers and hot dogs, Saturday breakfast, and a hog roast Saturday night. They're trying to go back to the old days and make this one primarily camping, but there are hotels within a few miles of the campgrounds for those who don't want to tent it. I did snag a few registration forms, and will get them out next year. PA XVIII (Erie) is hosting the 2014 Spring GLRC, and IN XIII is hosting the 2014 Summer GLRC; neither chapter had a lot of info at this time to provide. Updates should be coming out at the conference in Milwaukee.

With all the reports finally given, it was time to move on to the election of GLRC officers. For the 2012-2014 terms three of the five offices were contested. Outgoing Chairman Bill Haylett turned the gavel over to me, and it was time for quick campaign speeches and voting. In the end, Bill Haylett of NY V (Buffalo) was elected as the new GLRC International rep, Tom Peed of OH III (Dayton) was elected as the new GLRC vice chairman, and Pam Carleton of ON IV (Oshawa) was elected as the new GLRC secretary. A single vote was cast electing me to the office of GLRC chairman, and Joe Kubicek to the office of GLRC treasurer; both Joe and I were running for office unopposed. Thankfully my first official act as the new conference chairman was to close the meeting!

Our group headed into the town of Collingwood for a much needed lunch break. No dead batteries this time, but true to form we did get rained on thanks to Joe's cursed bike. Once the rain passed we rode to the top of the ski hill for a beautiful view of Lake Huron's Georgian Bay. Back at the resort we were treated to a performance of the Ontario Provincial Police's Golden Helmet precision motorcycle team. These officers gave an impressive display of riding skill. Soon it was time for the banquet. Our hosts provided us with a Greek meal, which was very different (and in my opinion very tasty). As the banquet was winding up Vice Chairman Peed called me to the podium. Once I was sufficiently trapped, he led the assembly in a rousing rendition of happy birthday, with yours truly as the guest of honor. A special thanks to my "friends" who leaked out that info. Most of the members wandered back out to the hospitality area for a few more drinks and a last chance to socialize before calling it an early night.

Coming home was a breeze, with our group covering the 435 miles back to Muskegon, Michigan by late afternoon. By a stroke of luck we were able to secure passage on the Lake Express ferry's 11:00 PM sailing, getting us back home and in our beds by 1:30 AM. In all I put 975 miles on the dresser and had a great weekend. The next convention I'll be reporting on will be the 2012 Fall MWRC in Omaha, NE, which promises to be another good time.

*"Wrongway" Dennis*

## REMINDER

Chapter meetings resume on  
Tuesday, September 18, 2012

7:00 PM

Cocktail Social Hours begins

6:00 PM

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**BE THERE!**

## 2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

2012 Fall MWRC September 7-9  
Omaha, NE (NE II)  
<http://home.comcast.net/~wayneschwartz/MWRC/events.html>

2012 Fall Tri-State October 5-8  
Gettysburg, PA (PA XXIV)  
[http://www.blueknightsny4.org/files/PA\\_24\\_31st\\_Fall\\_TSC\\_Convention\\_1.pdf](http://www.blueknightsny4.org/files/PA_24_31st_Fall_TSC_Convention_1.pdf)

Round I of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Crying Towel Classic  
Waukegan, IL (IL X) Thursday, September 13  
Kickoff is at 7:20 PM.  
Jester's Pub, 1500 N. Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL  
Hotel: <http://www.super8.com/hotels/illinois/waukegan/super-8-chicago-waukegan-i-94-n./hotel-overview>

Round II of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Crying Towel Classic  
Milwaukee, WI (WI VI)  
Kickoff is at noon (tentatively) Sunday, December 16  
Location TBD

## 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

Destinations TBD



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Steven Lesniewski-August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Kim Fisher-Waliszewski-August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Peter Simet-August 4<sup>th</sup>  
Andre Bleickardt-August 11<sup>th</sup>  
Ron Bethia-August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Jim Bagurdes-August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Jesse Benitez-August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Dennis Hafeman-August 28<sup>th</sup>  
George Markopoulos-August 30<sup>th</sup>