



Blue Knights WI VI

August 2013 Chapter Newsletter

PLEDGE: As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights.

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.bkwivi.com

The summer GLRC is just around the corner, (August 23-25) in Muncie, Indiana, if you haven't registered there is still time!!

Soon after the GLRC is in the memory books, the Harley Davidson 110th will be upon us. Dennis will be forwarding the particulars as he gets them.

But first there are the August rides to report on!



RIDE NEWS:

The August brunch ride was held on the 11th. A trip to the State Capitol with a "behind the scenes tour" was the destination. Here is a review from Director Chuck Homa.

Brian Bortmess and Joann, Carl Karwacki and Janis, Mark Meyer, Danny O'Toole and myself, Chuck, showed up for our brunch (lunch) ride to the state Capitol. Shortly after taking off from the park-and-ride it started to gently rain. Brian took us on a circuitous route to the Capitol. Although it rained almost the entire way to Madison, it was not a heavy rain. Arriving at the Capitol we parked on the Capitol grounds. The Capitol is amazing and if you've never seen it, it would be well worth your time to take a tour. We were escorted to the top of the Capitol, to the dome. A circular stairway led the way, and only three of us made it to the top. It was an amazing view. If Brian can arrange this in the future, I highly recommend it. After the tour we had a nice lunch at a restaurant across the street from the Capitol by the name of, The Old Fashioned Restaurant. Another circuitous route home in the sunshine made for a wonderful day.

10 Days to Sturgis and Back

By Robert Barr:

From Cudahy, Milwaukee and Hustisford.
Bzdusek, Barr and Stroessner.
First night at the headwaters of the
Mississippi in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.
Second night at the fracking capital of the
U.S., Minot, North Dakota.
Next six nights spent in Deadwood at, The
Historic Bullock Hotel.
The last night in Yankton, South Dakota.
Some highlights include:

- Teddy Roosevelt National Park
- Spearfish Canyon
- Black Hills
- Mount Rushmore
- Sturgis – day and night
- The Broken Spoke Campground
with tattoo-laden swimming pool
- The Old Number 10 where Wild
Bill Hickok was killed and Mount
Moriah/Boot Hill
- Cemetery where he now rests
- World's largest gold mine

Encountered many interesting
individuals, including a group of Blue
Knights from New Jersey XVII.

Headed home on a ride through the
Badlands with a stop at the Ice House Bar
in Yankton, South Dakota – a unique place
where you ride up to the loading dock, the
bar hop brings you your drink, and upon
finishing your bottle, you throw it against
their brick wall and order another.

3,000 miles in all, with side trips to
Wyoming and Nebraska, and only one
600-mile day.

Food, fun and everything in between; you
just had to be there!



Downtown Deadwood

Thankx for sharing!!

**DON'T FORGET NEXT MONTH STARTS UP
OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS AT ALIOTOS!**

TRIVIA

Can anyone list the 11 regional
conferences that make up the Blue
Knights??

Answer can be found on the International
web site: www.blueknights.org

Did you know there is an International
mobile web site that can be downloaded
to your phone?

Go to the web site listed above and either
click on the icon or go to the link provided
to install. It's free Chuck!!

As to the trivia question, I will give you
one answer.....

Great Lakes Conference

Electrical Storms

Riding out from under them could be a big mistake

By: James R. Davis

You are out in the country and an electrical storm blows in. There is no civilization (read: shelter) for a hundred miles. Should you ride out the storm? If not, what should you do?

No doubt you have heard that because your tires are made of rubber, and because rubber is not a good electrical conductor, so long as you keep your feet on the pegs lightning will not hit you since it cannot find a path to ground through you and the bike. **WRONG!!!**

Though rubber is a pretty good insulator at the normal voltage levels we mere humans deal with, it is not very effective against the voltage in a lightning bolt.

On the other hand, you may also have heard that if a lightning bolt hits a car the occupants are safe because the car is riding on rubber tires, etc. Actually, this is almost true! So long as the occupants stay away from anything metal they will more than likely survive a lightning hit without any injury whatever.

What protects occupants of a cage is not their rubber tires, but the fact that they are enclosed in a metal container. If a lightning bolt hits the surface of the car it spreads around the occupants, **NOT THROUGH THEM**, and goes to ground. A lightning bolt that hits you or your motorcycle is a different matter entirely. Let me give you an idea of magnitudes we are dealing with here. The master fuse on your bike handles about 30 amps before it blows. An average lightning bolt produces a current of about 20,000 amps. Even 30 amps can easily kill you because

it disrupts your heart's electrical system and the heart then simply stops working. Your heart doesn't stand a chance against a lightning bolt.

Anyway, if you are out in the open on your bike when lightning flashes begin, and if you can hear the thunder caused by those flashes in less than three seconds from when you see the flash, it's time to stop your bike and get off. Immediately find low ground, but **NOT** under a single or small group of trees.

- Squat on the ground with your legs together, head lower than back, but **NOT** touching the ground. Do **NOT** lay on the ground.
- **LET YOUR CLOTHES GET WET!!!** (In this way, if you are hit the majority of the electricity will follow the moisture of your wet clothes around your body.)

Do not get up until thunder following a lightning flash is **AT LEAST** five seconds after the flash. (Which means the lightning struck more than 1 mile away.) Incidentally, lightning can, and **DOES**, hit the same place twice - frequently.

If there are more than 5 seconds between the lightning flashes and you hearing thunder, head for shelter. This is the only time trying to ride out from under an electrical storm makes any sense.

Best shelter, of course, is a hard covered surface connected to ground with metal. Get under it and wait out the storm.

Thank you for sharing this!!!



ROLL CALL

Summer break

**See you
On September
17th**



Brunch rides are the 2nd Sunday
(10am)

Dinner rides are the 4th
Wednesday (6pm)

Rides run March through
November

(Ride dates may vary)

Meeting location is the park &
ride lot adjacent to the Val
Phillips Center (Children's
Detention Center) HWY 45 &
Watertown Plank Rd

**(LOCATION SUBJECT TO
CHANGE DUE TO
CONSTRUCTION)**



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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Steven Lesniewski, Aug 1

Kim Fisher, Aug 2

Peter Simet, Aug 4

Andre Bleickardt, Aug 11

Ron Bethia, Aug 13

Jim Bagurdes, Aug 15

Jesse Benitez, Aug 15

Dennis Hafeman, Aug 28

George Markopoulos, Aug 30



Wishing all of those
who are not feeling
well, good health!

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

2013 Summer GLRC August 23-25
Muncie, IN (IN I) 765-748-1241 Bill Brown

2013 Fall MWRC September 13-15
Broken Arrow, OK (Registration form below)

Pig Roast/Poker Run September 21
BK WI 1 (starts in Sauk City) (www.blueknights1.com)

Tomorrow's Hope Fundraiser October 13
BK WI II (See flyer below)

2013 fall TSC October 11-14
Harrisburg, PA (PA V) (www.blueknights1.com)

Crying Towel Nov 4 & Dec 2
Locations and times TBA

2014 Spring GLRC March 14-16
Erie, PA (PA XVIII)

2014 Pigs in the Smokies May 23-25
Hosted by Tennessee III (www.blueknights1.com)

2014 International – Information coming soon!!

Blue Knights 40th Anniversary Cruise, 7 days
Hosted by Florida XVIII August 24, 2014
www.blueknights1.com

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013,
7:00PM, ALIOTO'S. SOCIAL
HOUR STARTS AT 6:00PM**

Check the International and
conference web sites for further
information and registration forms.

HOSTED BY BLUE KNIGHTS CHAPTER 1

PIG ROAST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2013

PIG ROAST \$10 IF YOU PRE-REGISTER. \$15 DAY OF EVENT
CUT OFF DATE TO PRE-REGISTER IS AUGUST 15TH

POKER RUN \$10 PER PERSON.
POKER RUN BEGINS AT 10 AM AND ENDS AT 4PM.
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 AM

PIG ROAST WILL BE HELD AT
BUCK SNORT SALOON
FOLLOWING THE POKER RUN AT 4:00
E9708 STATE RD 60, SAUK CITY
JOIN US FOR RAFFLES & PRIZES!

50% OF POKER RUN
PROCEEDS GOES TO
1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE
WINNERS.
PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS
WILL BE DONATED TO C.O.P.S.



Registration forms available at <http://www.blueknights1.com>

Don't forget to share your riding
experience's with everyone.....send me
your story and pictures!!

WE ARE IN NEED OF A VENUE FOR THE
DEC 29TH CRYING TOWEL. HAVE YOUR
SUGGESTIONS READY FOR THE
SEPTEMBER MEETING!

Sandy

(LTS)

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2013 FALL MWRC MEETING September 13th to 15th Broken Arrow, OK

Member Last name: _____ First name: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Contact phone: _____ Chapter: _____ Email: _____

Guest Last name: _____ First name: _____

Guest Last name: _____ First name: _____

CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE. Pre Registration Price: \$45.00 per person by September 1, 2013. Registrations received after September 1, 2013 will be \$60.00 per person.

EARLY REGISTRATIONS @ \$45.00 X ____ = \$ _____

REGISTRATIONS AFTER 9/1 @ \$60.00 X ____ = \$ _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE _____

NUMBER OF T-SHIRTS ORDERED (advance order only) S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ @ \$10.00 each
XXXL _____ XXXXL _____ @ \$13.00 each Shirt Total = \$ _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to Blue Knights

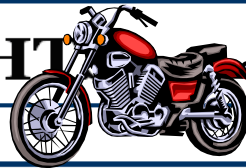
MAIL TO: Jerry Bryan, 22504 E. 98th St. S. , Broken Arrow, OK 74014-6801

Hotel Registrations Contact Clarion Hotel, 2600 North Aspen Avenue, Broken Arrow, OK 74012, phone 918-258-7085. Refer to the Blue Knights and the room rate will be \$59.99 + tax per night. The rate is the same for nights just before and after the event dates. This rate includes hot and cold breakfast buffet. This hotel is pet friendly and smoking rooms are available. We have 80 rooms blocked until September 1st. After that availability is not guaranteed.



BLUE KNIGHT

WISCONSIN CHAPTER II



11th Annual

Fundraiser - Fall Ride & Chili Feed

Date: Sunday, October 13, 2013

Registration Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Fall Color Ride

Ride Departure at 10:30 AM

Followed by Beer / Soda &

All you care to eat Chili Feed

Raffles/Door Prizes & 50/50

12:00 PM:



Packers v.



Ravens game

Cost: \$15 per bike/driver

Plus: \$10 for a passenger

Location: Turner Hall

301 S. 4th St.

Watertown, WI 53094

2 or 4 Wheels WELCOME

Proceeds to Benefit

Tomorrow's Hope

Any questions and for more information call:

President - Bruce

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