

BLUE KNIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Wisconsin Chapter VI Metro-Milwaukee



April 2010

The April meeting was held at Alioto's and President Kindt called the assemblage to order at 7:05PM. 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.

Introductions

- Chuck introduced John Wieseler, retired from Milwaukee PD, as a prospective new member.
- Kevin introduced Steve Lesniewski, an officer with the city of Oconomowoc, as a potential new member.
- Mike S. introduced Kenn Ziebell, retired from Milwaukee PD, as a prospective new member.
- Tom Listinsky, retired from Milwaukee County Sheriff's Dept., introduced himself.

Minutes

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

Treasurers Report

Brian was unable to attend due to a case of strep throat ("Get well, Brian!"), therefore Dennis moved that we table the official report until the May meeting. That was seconded by Mike Z. and all were in favor. The report for the month of April had already been sent to all members having e-mail

and a copy of that report was passed around, as well.

Old Business

- Tiny jumped right in to the matter that had consumed so much of our time during the March meeting; namely, the "charity" issue. The "fine tuning" of that new account, our *Blue Knights Charities*, had been tabled until the April meeting.

Tiny gave a brief overview of some of the suggestions that he had made in his letter to the members (page 1, March newsletter) and stressed that this is not necessarily "a decision that needs to be made now, or even next month".

In addition, Tiny said he favored the idea of forming a committee to make the decisions regarding which charities we donate to and how much should be donated.

Pete made a motion that we table this issue until the September meeting and that Tiny, in the meantime; appoint a committee to come up with potential charities and parameters for the fund. Motion seconded by Kevin and all were in favor.

- Joe, reporting in Ted's absence regarding our supply of chapter colors, advised that Silk Screening by Will is able to manufacture our colors for a few pennies less than what was quoted by the company that bought out our last supplier, Cory Graphics. And that would be for a quantity of 20 sets as opposed to the 50 sets we'd have to buy from the former Cory Graphics. Ted wanted to know how the membership wanted him to proceed.

It was decided that Ted should inquire about the cost at Will's for 50 sets and it was also stressed that he should confirm the quality would be the same as what we have gotten in the past. Ted is to use his best judgment and proceed as he sees fit.

Joe will pass this on to Ted and hopefully we'll have a final decision at our next meeting.

- Pete spoke about the June 13th brunch ride and how it conflicts with some other events that our members are participating in that day. The WKS0 K-9 ride is that day, as well as that being the final day of the State Convention (La Crosse,

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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

WI) and the MWRC (St. Joseph, MO). The Lake Sinissippi Lakefest (Carnival rides, games, music, etc.) is that weekend in Hubertus, as well, with the hours on Sunday being from 11AM - 5PM. Ted & Pat E. and Mike & Cindy S. will be working at the event (it is a function of their condo association) and we have been invited with the promise of a complimentary drink and sandwich. Ted asks that you wear your colors and RSVP to him, if possible.

There was a bit of discussion regarding these conflicting events, including the suggestion of changing the date of the brunch ride that month, but it was decided that we would not make any changes. Pete says that he is going on the brunch ride, as scheduled, and that the destination will be out in the direction of Hubertus to enable those that want to stop in at Lakefest to do so.

It was also pointed out that those returning home from the State Convention that day could take Hwy 60 and that would take them past Hustisford. Mike Z. would like anyone that is interested in stopping at Lakefest with him on his way back from La Crosse to let him know and he will contact Ted with an approximate head count.



Happy Anniversary!

May 18th - Doni & Joe Kubicek

New Business

- Dennis said that WI X (Green Bay), hosts of this year's Spring GLRC, has announced that they are going to allow one day, onsite registration for the GLRC (Apr 30th - May 2nd) for those that can only make it for a partial day or just one day. Dane (VP, WI X) promises the cost will be "reasonable".



Happy Birthday to You!

May 5th - Jori Crouse
May 10th - Conrad Zvara
May 12th - Al Schoessow
May 15th - Kris Hennen
May 17th - Nick Santoro
May 24th - Pat Engelbart
May 24th - Scott Wysocki

Roll Call

George Markopoulos,
Pete Simet, Scott Wysocki, Bob Barr,
Chuck Homa, Jim & Patti Kindt,
Steve Bzdusek, Jim Backes, Scott Miller,
Dennis Hafeman & Laura Duff, Bob
McDermott, Mike Zivicki, Carl Karwacki &
Janis Smolinski, Michael Stroessner, Kenn
Ziebell, Jesse Benitez, Steve Schultz, Tom
Listinsky, Larry Thompson, Jim Bagurdes,
John Wieseler, Steve Lesniewski, Sandy
Santoro, Kevin Porter, Mark Meyer, Jim
Crouse, and Doni & Joe Kubicek.

Announcements

- Dennis announced that our current GLRC chairman (and former WI VI member) Bill Drees has decided that he will not be seeking reelection for another two-year term. Current vice chairman Bill Haylett will be running for chairman and Dennis has decided to run for vice chairman.

- Dennis reminds everyone that he still has GLRC patches for sale; \$3.00 each.

- Chuck told the group that "potential new member" John Wieseler, an avid bicyclist, is involved in the 2010 Collegiate Cycling Nationals, to be held in the Madison area, May 7th - 9th. John took the floor briefly and said that he is looking for some volunteers to lead the various races. He stressed that this would not be a task involving traffic control, but rather one of riding out ahead of the bicyclists.

John put out an email with more exact details on April 27th and I have included the text of that message below;

Hello fellow riders, this is John Wieseler, new member to the Blue Knights... I met some of you at the last meeting so you are aware of the upcoming event that I need volunteers for... Collegiate Cycling Nationals will be in Wisconsin on May 7th - 9th, in the Madison area...

Volunteers are needed... and I'm in charge of recruiting motorcycle riders to assist with the event... We need a couple for each race to lead off the event. Traffic will be taken care of by law enforcement and other volunteers will

be at intersections. So, the motorcyclists would act as more of a *heads up* that the race is beginning. I need several for May 7th (4 road races) and May 9th (numerous team time trials). If you are available for an early ride to Madison on May 7th... breakfast and lunch will be provided... I would appreciate it...

Anyone interested in helping out please contact me ASAP.

John Wieseler

Cell: 262-366-3699

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Dennis suggested that John contact WI I (Madison) and John said that he had contacted them, as well as WI II (Watertown), but he found that their chapters weren't very big and most of their members were working.

- Tiny let everyone know about the 2010 Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony being held on May 5th at noon at Clas Park, 10th & Wells, in Milwaukee. The invitation for this event was specifically sent to us as Blue Knights.

Bob B. pointed out that attendance for this event in the past has been less than stellar as far as retired officers are concerned. Bob will be going again this year and he set up a meeting spot at the Ramada hotel lot, s/w corner of 6th & Michigan. From there we will ride in as a group, leaving that lot at 11:30AM.

Jim C. said he has made arrangements for motorcycle parking in the past and he will do so as best he can this year, as well. Simply give him a call when you're on the way. Jim's cell phone number can be found in your most recent copy of the chapter roster or you can contact your chapter secretary for the number.

- Kevin wanted everyone to know that the 2010 "Journey for Jay" ride is scheduled for June 19th.

<http://www.journeyforjay.org/Flyer.html>

Applications were accepted from

new members Steve Lesniewski,

John Wieseler and Kenn Ziebell.

Welcome to our family!

"Ride with Pride"

- Bob B. talked about "LZ Lambeau", the Wisconsin Vietnam era veterans' welcome home event, May 21st - 23rd in Green Bay. He says there

are about 4 or 5 of our members, including him, that are going to be attending the event. Bob says this is not an event solely for veterans, but is open to family, friends and supporters.

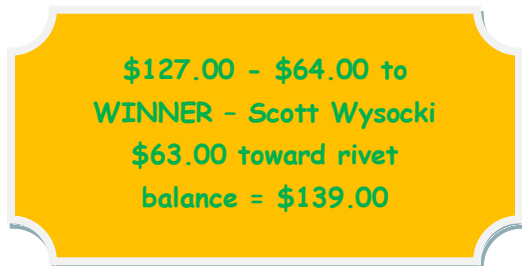
On Friday the 21st there is a group ride from Milwaukee to Green Bay for the event. Staging begins at 7AM at the Milwaukee County Zoo parking lot with a continental breakfast. At 8:45AM there will be a welcome pledge, briefing and prayer, followed by a 9AM departure for the Timber Rattlers stadium in Appleton, WI.

There will be a restaging of veterans only at this point with all others riding ahead to Lambeau Field. The parade of veterans will then ride on to Lambeau where they will be welcomed by the masses.

For more information contact Bob B. or visit <http://lzlambeau.org>.

Next meeting

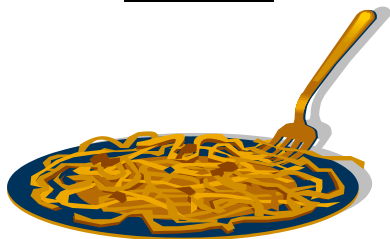
Tuesday, May 18th @ 7:00PM



Meeting Adjourned @ 8:08PM

On a motion by Bob M. and a second by Dennis.

Fundraiser



Lannon PD is once again hosting an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner on May 22nd, 4PM - 7:30PM at Willie's Dugout, 7273 N. Lannon Road (1 block north of W. Good Hope Road). Proceeds benefit their motorcycle fund. Kevin P. tells me that he thinks the cost this year is \$7.50/person (+/-).

(Editors note; good food, good time, good cause!)

Upcoming Blue Knight Events

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](http://www.mwrc.org/images/PDFs/SpringRegistration2010.pdf)

June 11-13: WI State Convention, Lacrosse, WI
(host WI VIII)

www.wiblueknightsviii.org

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

SNORT TEAM!

Alright, so you've seen the patch on other Blue Knights' colors. Maybe you've even wondered what the hell it stood for. Well, wonder no more . . .

"Special Nasal Operations Requiring Tequila"

Although "SNORT" is not officially sanctioned by the Blue Knights, at one time it was pretty easy to find a *SNORT TEAM* induction ritual being conducted in your nearest hospitality room. But sadly, of late, they've been as scarce as a pretty girl on the arm of a Bears fan!

Well now, thanks to the efforts of Dennis H. and Joe K., "SNORT" is back and will make its 2010 debut at the GLRC in Green Bay.

But this time, there is a new twist . . . you must be sponsored by an existing patch wearer in order to attempt ("attempt" because every SNORT endeavor does not end in success!) to earn your patch! So if a member believes you worthy, you too might be invited to join in the foolishness and fun that is "SNORT"!