

# BLUE KNIGHTS

## INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB

### Wisconsin Chapter VI Metro-Milwaukee

September 2010



The September meeting was held at Alioto's and President Kindt called the members to order at 7:10PM. We began with a group recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, and then Tiny called for a moment of silence for Nick Santoro who underwent surgery this past weekend.

#### Introductions

- Tiny introduced new member Will Parzyszek, US Army MP, retired. Despite your misguided allegiance to the Chicago Bears, welcome, Will!

#### Minutes

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

#### Treasurers Report

Brian reported on our current financial status (final numbers are not published in this forum). A motion to accept and a second were made and all were in favor.

#### Old Business

- Tiny advised the membership that the Charity Committee met prior to the membership meeting. First of all, Tiny said that there was, what he termed, "a housekeeping" issue that needed to be

taken care of in regard to our "Assist an Officer Fund".

He went on to say that when we set up the guidelines we did not put a cap on the amount of money that should be in that fund. Tiny said:

"The reason I think we should do that is because, if we're going to have two charities, how the committee wanted to work the secondary committee was, any money over the maximum that's in the Assist the Officer fund would go into the secondary charity."

"Since we don't have a maximum amount, we probably need to make one, so we need to make a motion for the maximum amount."

"Right now we have \$4,000 in there. The committee came up with a decision to make it \$5,000, but probably not until after the Sweetheart Dance, 'til like March 31<sup>st</sup>."

At that point Tiny called for a motion from the floor to that effect, at which point Ed Kunicki made a motion "that we cap the Assist an Officer Fund at \$5,000 per year, effective March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011".

Tiny called for discussion and Joe said he had a question, namely, "Is the committee just for the charitable donation fund or does the committee handle both funds?" Tiny said that the committee handles only the "secondary charity".

Bob Barr asked if there is a limit as to how much money can be given to any one individual and Tiny said the limit is \$500.

Bob then asked, if the money (\$5,000) in that fund is depleted, would we then be unable to donate to any other charity or cause. Tiny said that the chapter could vote to add money to the fund. "We just don't want to go over \$5,000 to drain our treasury".

Tiny then told the group that the committee had adopted guidelines for the membership to consider. Tiny read those guidelines and Dennis made a motion to accept, save the addition of a single word ("simple") in paragraph 2. The motion was seconded by George and the motion carried.

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**During summer riding months:**

Dinner rides leave at 6:00PM

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month

Brunch rides leave at 10:00AM

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

The committee will accept suggestions from the membership as to which charities we should donate to, and the cutoff for those suggestions will be the December meeting.

Tiny said, for clarification, that the money raised from our annual Sweetheart Dance would first be used to bring the "Assist an Officer" fund back to \$5,000. Any additional money would be put into the secondary charity fund.

Joe asked, if all of the money we raise from the dance goes in to the two charity funds, how do we raise money to support our own chapter (Supplies, Christmas Party, Crying Towel Classic, etc.)? Tiny said that money for other chapter functions would have to come from "50/50's and other fund raisers". Dues money will also fund chapter costs.

- Kim spoke about the Sweetheart Dance and she and Sandy have agreed to again co-chair the event.

The first order of business was deciding on the date. After some discussion it was decided that we would hold the event on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> as the 19<sup>th</sup> would be too late.

Kim said that she would like to assemble gift baskets like she did last year and has put out the call for members to check their basements and attics for good quality baskets that she can use.

Tiny said that Joe had suggested asking Chaz at Milwaukee H-D if we could hold our event at his dealership. Tiny subsequently talked to Chaz regarding this and Chaz has agreed to allow us to hold the event there. Chaz will help with advertising (PR) and said his capacity is upward of 500 people. Tiny will introduce Sandy & Kim to Chaz so they can get the ball rolling on this.

The subject of the booze raffle came up and it was decided that we would hold that event as well, in conjunction with the dance. Joe will once again act as chair.

There was also some discussion about a complaint received after the last booze raffle from someone that won a bottle of wine instead of booze. It was decided that we would call it a "Booze & Wine Raffle" this time.

Bob Barr stressed the importance of getting quality booze and wine; not necessarily "top shelf" stuff but not that dusty, rusty, crusty bottle from your basement.

- Tiny pointed out that the date of the dance conflicts with Steve's proposed chapter bus trip to the International Motorcycle Show in Chicago, which is scheduled for that same weekend. Saturday would have been the preferred date but we can still try to do the bus trip on Friday or Sunday. The hours on Friday are 3PM - 6PM and Sunday they run from 9AM - 5PM.

Ed asked if it was a good idea to plan the motorcycle show trip if it conflicts with our fundraiser.

Chuck suggested that anyone interested in going to the show could contact Steve and let him know which day they would prefer. Please contact Steve and let him know if you're interested and if you have a preference of Friday or Sunday.

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Steve estimated that the cost per person, if we fill the bus, would be approximately \$30, including admission, snacks and refreshments on the bus.

Jim Crouse suggested contacting Lamers Bus Co. as several current and former MPD members drive for Lamers and they often give us a pretty good rate. Joe said that he would try to get a price from Lamers.

- Kim mentioned the difficulty that she has in associating names with faces when it comes to our chapter members, a problem that many of us probably share. Kim suggested putting together a sort of class photo style page of our members, with names to go with the faces. She said she's willing to donate her services (much laughter and cat calls here!) to put together such a thing and the idea was well received.

At a future date, possibly either a meeting or the Christmas Party, Kim would set up ahead of time and then take individual photos.

It was also suggested that we include spouse/significant other information in our chapter roster. I have included those that I know and if anyone sees that theirs is missing, please let me know and I'll update that information, as well.

- Ted reported on the status of our t-shirt inventory, which is low. After some discussion it was decided that Ted, as quartermaster, should use his best judgment in keeping an adequate supply. Mike Stroessner suggested that it would

be in the best interest of the club if we relied on Pat's best judgment, in lieu of Ted's. Dennis said, however, that Pat's judgment is highly suspect based on the fact that she married Ted.

Ted said that he would keep the board apprised of any orders that he makes. Tiny added that if anyone has any specific size or color of shirt that they would like, they should contact Ted directly regarding that.

- Tiny said that VA V, hosts of the 2011 International Convention (July 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>) in Chesapeake, has information available on their website, [www.blueknights2011convention.org](http://www.blueknights2011convention.org).

Having been there in the past, Tiny recommends this convention to everyone. VA V does a nice job (this will be their 3<sup>rd</sup>) and the area is rife with history and beautiful sights.

The full week registration is only \$89 and that includes 5 breakfasts, Sunday welcome party, Tuesday fish fry, Wednesday BBQ and Thursday banquet. Also included is a "never ending adult hospitality room w/ unlimited beer & soft drinks".

The \$99/night host hotel is full however there are many other hotels within actual walking distance with rates varying from \$79 - \$124/night.

Tiny also reminded everyone that the 2012 convention will be hosted by TX XXXIV in Tyler, TX. That event will be during the fourth week of July instead of the traditional third week of July.

### Roll Call

George Markopoulos,  
Pete Simet, Scott Wysocki, Bob Barr, Chuck  
Homa, Jim & Patti Kindt,  
Steve Bzdusek, Jim Backes, Scott Miller, Brian  
Bortmess, Andre Bleickardt, Kristi Bleickardt,  
Paul Serdynski, Ed Kunicki, Jim Crouse, Kim  
Fisher-Waliszewski, Will Parzyszek, Ted & Pat  
Engelbart, Gary & Mary Davey, Herman Kremkau,  
Dennis Hafeman, Carl Karwacki & Janis  
Smolinski, Michael Stroessner, Kenn Ziebell,  
Steve Schultz, Tom Listinsky, and Joe Kubicek.

Pete said that the *average* temperature in Tyler, TX in July is about 106° in the shade. Joe countered that the *constant* temperature in a casino is 72°.

### GLRC News

- Dennis said that there are still no bids for the spring GLRC (2011). OH VIII is in the process of finalizing a bid to host the event in Cleveland, OH, March 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was passed at the summer GLRC in Perrysburg to allow the GLRC board to approve the bid if it sees fit to do so.

The summer GLRC, 2011, will be in Canton, OH, August 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. Information regarding registration and accommodations are already available on the GLRC website.

### New Business

- Bob Barr asked if there was any interest in some sort of "RIP" patch for Joe Szombathelyi who passed away earlier this year. Please contact Bob if you think you'd like one of these so he can check into the feasibility (cost) of ordering them.

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### Announcements

- Carl said that he received a thank you letter for our chapter from Stars and Stripes Honor Flight, acknowledging our donation earlier this year.

- Kim said that she volunteers at MADACC (Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission) and they are looking for donations, specifically of blankets and cat food. She will have her car at the October meeting and will collect any donations at that time.



### Happy Birthday to You!

Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> -	Mark Meyer
Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup> -	Paul Serdynski
Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup> -	Leane Teriaca
Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup> -	Jon Kopecky

**\$139.00 - \$70.00 to  
WINNER - Pat Engelbart  
\$63.00 toward rivet  
\$6.00 to treasury**

As you can see above, with the money from the September 50/50 drawing, our H-D Museum Rivet is now paid for. Stop by the museum and see if you can find it. It's located outside, north of the building (between the museum and the river) in what's called the "North Plaza". Our rivet is in "band 23".

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 7:00PM**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:26PM**

On a motion by Pete and a second by Dennis. All in favor.

**Dinner Ride, August 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Steve Bzdusek

Luckily, especially in this state, another beautiful evening greeted us for the August 25<sup>th</sup> dinner ride. Bobby Barr led us westbound from the Park-n-Ride en route to our evening destination at the Water Street Brewery, located near Hwy 83 & I-94 and nowhere near Water St.

Bobby, being the superior road captain that he is, took us on a back road route which always makes the ride more enjoyable. (Later, we did have to explain to him that he doesn't have to blow through stop signs to try and make the route even more interesting.)

This was another well attended event. Participants included, besides Bob Barr, Al & Judy Miller, Mike Zivicki, Paul Serdynski, Carl Karwacki and Janice, Big Steve Schultz, Chuck Homa, Sandy

Santoro, Tom Listinsky, Connie and Mary Jane Zvara, a rider known to me only as Fred, and myself, Steve Bzdusek. The restaurant got a thumbs up from the crowd, as did the ride home.

Til next time, ride SAFE!  
Steve

### **JDRF Ride, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Ted Engelbart

It was a beautiful day and a pretty good turnout of Blue Knights. We met at 10:00am at the Mobil station on hwy 33, just across from the park where registration was taking place. We all rode in together proudly displaying our Blue Knight colors.

Members attending were Ted & Pat Engelbart and their friends Jim & Amy Collelo; Mike Stroessner; Al & Wendy Schoessow along with Al's brother-in-law, Mike and Al's neighbor, Mark; Paul Serdynski and his friend Jane; Big Steve; Ray & Leann Teriaca; Kenn Ziebell & George Markopoulos.

I led our group to the first stop which was the Beaver Dam Harley dealer and then Jim Collelo took over from there. George's ride was cut short as he claimed he lost a chrome accessory from his bike, however, I feel he turned around to pick up a female hitch hiker that was standing along the roadway. He was missing in action for several days after.

There was free coffee & juice along with sweet rolls at the registration. There also was an abundance of free chicken, brats, and hotdogs upon our return along with two free beverages. We all had a good time for a great cause. I'd definitely recommend this ride again next year and hopefully more Blue Knights would put this on their schedule of rides to attend.

I also like to say that Sandy Santoro was unable to attend the ride; however she provided a generous donation from her and the Milwaukee Co. Sheriff's Association. Bob Barr was also unable to attend the ride however he did donate the cost of the registration fee to the event.

### **Brunch Ride, September 12th**

Ted Engelbart

The September brunch ride found us at the Millhome Inn near Kiel. Again Pete Simet & Bob Barr did a terrific job of picking out another good restaurant and establishing the scenic route to get there.

The group, Pete Simet; Bob Barr; Big Steve & Monica; Jim & Debbie Bagurdes; Scott Wysocki; Mike Zivicki; Eddie Kunicki and his girlfriend Sue; Conrad Zvara; Kevin Porter; Mark & Patty Meyer; Gary & Mary Davey; Paul Serdynski and his girlfriend Jane and Chuck Homa left the park and ride lot at 10:00am and they met Pat and I and two friends of ours (Lance & Karen) in Grafton.

We then all rode together to the Millhome Inn and settled down for the delicious brunch. Pat and I had to leave rather quickly after the brunch as one of our friends felt some ill effects from his partying at a wedding the night before.

**NOTE :** Chuck told me that he had more time than me as a Director and therefore he delegated me to do this article.

As Always, RWP,  
Ted

### **Winter Motorcycle Prep/Storage**

From "About.com: Motorcycles"

Regardless of how long you store it, you'll want to do all you can to make sure your bike emerges undamaged from rust and corrosion.



## **PREPARE YOUR ENGINE, EXHAUST & BATTERY FOR LONG TERM STORAGE**

The first thing you'll want to do to prepare your engine for storage is to make sure the engine oil is clean. Old oil can trap contaminants which damage rubber seals and performing an oil and filter change before long term storage will help preserve your engine.

If you won't be riding your motorcycle for several weeks (if it's carbureted) or several months (if it's fuel injected), you'll want to make sure your fuel delivery systems are ready for inactivity. With a carbureted engine, you should turn the petcock to the "off" position, loosen the float-bowl drain screw, and catch the fuel in a container. If draining it isn't possible, you can run the engine with the petcock in the "off" position until it dies. Because moisture can accumulate in half-empty tanks, fill up with gas and top it off with a manufacturer-recommended fuel stabilizer or Sta-Bil®. Some believe draining the float plugs isn't necessary if stabilizer is added to the fuel and properly run through the fuel system; do whichever process you feel most comfortable with.

If you're storing your bike for more than six months, you might want to protect your piston and cylinder rings from potentially rusting. To do so, remove each spark plug and pour a tablespoon of fresh engine oil or spray fogging oil inside. Ground the ignition leads and turn the engine several times to spread the oil before replacing the spark plugs.

Spray WD40 into the exhaust pipe(s) in order to keep water away; the "WD" stands for water displacement, and keeping moisture out will prevent rust. You can also keep water and critters out by stuffing intake and exhaust with crumpled plastic bags.

Clean battery leads and attach a battery tender to your battery to keep it charged and ready to go when you're ready to bring the bike out of storage. If you don't have a tender, a trickle charger is better than nothing.

## **CLEANING YOUR MOTORCYCLE FOR LONG TERM WINTER STORAGE**

Dirt and grime will damage motorcycles, both cosmetically and mechanically, so use these tips to preserve your bike during long term storage:

Wash your motorcycle before storage and be sure to let it completely dry before covering it as trapped condensation can cause rust. Use a degreaser to clean sludge from the outside of the engine.

After washing your bike, apply wax to any painted surfaces and chrome polish to chrome; this will help keep moisture away.

Hopefully you'll be able to keep your bike out of the weather; if you do, use a breathable piece of fabric or a bike cover to keep dust off.

If you can't avoid leaving your bike exposed to the elements, you might not want to cover it since covers can trap moisture and do more harm than good.

## **BRAKE, CLUTCH & COOLANT FLUIDS**

Ensure that your fluids are fresh and full. If your brake fluid is in need of changing, do so before long-term storage. Similarly, hydraulic clutch fluid should be changed before you store your bike; both systems may suffer failure if moisture gets in.

Also make sure your coolant is fresh, as deposits can form from old fluid. For service intervals, consult your owner's manual.

## **UNLOAD THE SUSPENSION**

If your motorcycle has a center stand, use it for long term storage. If you're not riding for several weeks and don't have a center stand, you may want to consider carefully propping up the bike using blocks. Don't do more harm than good by dropping your bike while attempting to prop it up! If done correctly, lifting your motorcycle will alleviate stress on the suspension and tires.

Inflating your tires to the maximum recommended pressure will help maintain their shape since cooling temperatures will make the pressurized air contract. In areas where the ground might freeze, try to keep the tires off the ground using wooden blocks.

## **Blue Knights WI VI**

### **Secondary charity guidelines**

- 1        The secondary charity is defined as any “any amount of charity funds in excess of the maximum amount that is allowed in the Assist an Officer Fund”.
- 2        The amount in the Secondary fund shall be the amount in excess of the maximum amount allowed in the Assist an Officer Fund after the money from the charity fundraiser is distributed. Other chapter funds cannot be added to the secondary fund without a simple majority vote of the membership present.
- 4        All other donations shall be decided by the Charity Committee, based on the suggestions of the membership. Suggestions shall be made at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting by chapter members only. This meeting should be held shortly before the annual fundraiser and should be announced at the two prior meetings as well as the 2 prior newsletters.
- 5        The Charity Committee shall make their decisions in private and should not discuss their decisions or deliberations with the membership. The Committee should try to be as fair as possible so as to allow as many different charities as that the membership suggests to benefit.
- 6        Only recognized charities may receive donations. Fundraisers will not be considered charities and should be assisted by “passing the hat”. Recognized charities should be groups that are considered charities by the IRS and that directly assist those in need while maintaining as little as possible “overhead.” Groups that distribute money to other charities such as United Way and Red Cross should be given low priority. Also groups that seek to improve community services such as the “save the library fund” should not be considered.
- 7        Members of the Charity Committee shall be appointed by the President. The committee members will appoint one member to act as committee chairman. All effort should be made to allow as many different members to serve on the committee as wish to volunteer. Committee members will serve for one (1) year.