



# Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

## July 2012 Chapter Newsletter

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### From Your Chapter Secretary

Recently I had quite a case of the runs, and I want to share the experience. Now, before you run for that bottle of Pepto Bismol to help me out, let me clarify; I'm talking about rides. Joe Kubicek, in either a moment of complete insanity or a tremendous leap of faith asked me to be a ride captain for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ride to Stop Dog Fighting on June 23. Now I know what you're all saying; why would you give a guy with a nickname of "Wrongway" that job? But here's how it was supposed to go down. Naturally, Joe would lead the group, and I would ride clean up. A perfect job for me; all I need to do is follow the group and keep them together. The weather was perfect and the 79 mile route through Holy Hill excellent so what could go wrong? Well, about half way through the ride one of the last bikes in our group of 28 dropped out. As clean up I stopped to see what the problem was. It turned out she stopped to pick up a dropped cell phone. Minutes pass, and another five bikes join us. By now Joe and the rest of the pack are miles away. These strays now look at *me* and say "you're a ride captain, how do we get back?" Of course I have no idea. So I do the honorable thing and explain that I 1) don't *have* a map and 2) don't *need* a map because I was following all of them. Well, one of the passengers had the map, so I designated them the lead bike and told the group to follow them. Problem solved! When they stopped for a beer break I tossed the GPS on the bike and hot footed it back to Milwaukee HD. Here's where the post ride party took place. There was lots of great music, vendors, and plenty of adult beverages to enjoy. We even ran into Gary and Mary Davey who were babysitting their grandson while his parents worked one of the booths. Coolest grandparents ever! The sizeable turnout raised several thousand dollars which will be used to help rehab dogs involved in dog fighting.

My next bout of the runs came on June 30. Joe/Doni, "Tiny" and I rode north to Beaver Dam for WI XII's first annual poker run. 69 total riders, and considerably less drama for me, as I was a participant and not a road captain. Most of the stops were on lakes, so it was a very picturesque ride. The route itself was about 150 miles, but the stops were well spaced out so you didn't feel like you were doing nothing but riding all the time. I saddled up my Dyna Glide for this one, and had a blast. At the end stop I drew what started to be a promising hand which quickly became a foot, but "Tiny" pulled a flush and ended up with the third place hand and \$100 in prize money.

Joe won a basketball back board, making me wonder if he's been on the North side of town too long. Okay, he also scored a pretty kick ass HD beer glass; I on the other hand won a pink t-shirt (which I promptly brought home for Laura). WI XII is already making plans for next year's run, and I highly recommend supporting their efforts. WI XII is the newest Wisconsin BK chapter, and they are quickly gaining a reputation as an outstanding chapter.

And now, the road tale you've been waiting for: the 2012 International Convention in Tyler, Texas. WI VI was represented by 20 members traveling in six different groups. I believe everyone would agree that no matter what route traveled it was stupid hot! With temps topping 100 and high humidity riding was not pleasurable. For once I don't have any crazy road tales to share; Joe and I rode to and fro without a single incident. That's not to say the week wasn't tale worthy. You had Herman Kremkau's run in with a wasp inside his helmet and "Tiny" frying his leg (not once, but three times) on Chuck Homa's pipes while loading the bike on the trailer. The ever caring Chuck was deeply concerned about the patch of flesh left on his pipes. The actual convention week was fantastic with TX XXXIV doing an outstanding job as host. Hot weather made riding a chore, but we did manage to get some miles in nevertheless. The local businesses sponsored a "Rose Run", a poker style ride with \$1,000 as the top prize. Hell, you got a t-shirt just for signing up (and it was all free). If there was any complaint it was about the adult beverage situation. Tyler is located in a dry county, so local laws had the hospitality suite and hotel bar closing promptly at midnight. Being enterprising Knights many of us found ways around that issue. As usual, the chapter found many ways to make this convention memorable: Ted Engelbart's party spent a day at the home of a bona fide Texas millionaire; several of us spent Wednesday at the lake home of one of the locals (actually members of MN I now living in Texas) swimming and boating; and "Tiny" provided a little late night excitement when he became involved with "escorting" a drunken local gal out of the hotel (and someone's pants). Track down any of the members representing our chapter to get all the details of their convention experience.

Besides being a venue to renew friendships (and make new ones) the convention is a location for conducting yearly business for the club. Unfortunately Joe, "Tiny" and I were stuck in meetings most of Monday (and for me a few hours Tuesday morning). Here are the highlights from two very long meetings. From the Board of Governors meeting: the 2013 International Convention is being held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, from July 14-20, 2013. The host hotel is the Arlington Resort & Spa (#1-800-643-1502); if you are thinking of attending and want to stay at the host hotel I suggest contacting them ASAP, as rooms were going fast. Room rates are \$92.00 for single and \$102.00 for double occupancy. The cost for registration is \$95.00 for the full week. The 2014 International Convention will be in Waidring, Austria from June 22-29, 2014. Yes, you read that correctly; we're going to Europe, so start saving your pennies. This convention is going to be expensive, but it promises to be the trip of a lifetime and one you won't want to miss. Registration is 159.00 Euro per person, and there is no actual host hotel. There are many different places to stay, ranging from camping up to four star hotels, each with different prices. And before you ask, yes, I have info available for both of these conventions. On the political front the BOG held their elections for officers, and there was a changing of the guard. The new chairman is Lon Strayer of PA XII, the new vice chairman is Cal Ennals from NJ V, the new secretary is Bob Seelye from WA I, and treasurer remains Mike Rickard from NY V. Tri State International Rep and President of Blue Knights COPSRUN Russ Harper reported that thanks to donations made throughout the year he was able to present COPSRUN with a check for \$35,000.

Before you knew it the week was over, and it was time to saddle up and head back home. Fortunately, the next convention is right around the corner: the 2012 Summer GLRC in Collingwood, Ontario. I'll be giving you my road report in the next issue.

*"Wrongway" Dennis*



31st BLUE KNIGHTS TRISTATE CONFERENCE  
PA24 IS PROUD TO HOST THIS CONFERENCE ON:

OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> TO THE 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

HOSTED BY PA CHAPTER 24 AT THE EISENHOWER HOTEL AND  
CONVENTION CENTER

2634 EMMITSBURG ROAD, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325 (717-334-8121)

Please make your room reservation through the host hotel. "TriState Blue Knights" Room rates are \$99 + tax per night. One bedroom suites are available for \$139 + tax per night.

Please make checks payable to: "Blue Knights PA24" and mail to Jim Borza, 1704 Sheepford Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Phone number: 717-574-7683. Also if you have any questions you can e-mail them at [Pa24tristate@aol.com](mailto:Pa24tristate@aol.com)

**MUST PRE-REGISTER BY  
SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> FOR MEALS.  
WALK IN'S ONLY FOR FRIDAY  
HOSPITALITY (\$20) AND  
SATURDAYS MEETING.....**

REGISTRATION PACKAGES

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Weekend (Couple) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$240  
Full Weekend (Single) \_\_\_\_\_ @ @120  
Full Weekend (Child 15 and under) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50  
Friday (Hospitality) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25  
Saturday Dinner Only \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50  
Sunday Dinner Only \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60

Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_

**Shirts are pre-order only:**

Sm \_\_\_\_\_ Med \_\_\_\_\_ Lg \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ \$18 each  
2XL \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 each

\*\*\*Due to Hotel Contract, Sales Tables will be available @ \$20 per table for the weekend\*\*

Table: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Total of Registration and Shirts: \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum 50%: \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due on Arrival

## Miscellaneous Stuff

The Milwaukee Hog Chapter would like to invite you and the members of the Blue Knights WI VI to participate in our Toys for Tots ride on Saturday September 29th, 2012. The Milwaukee HOG Chapter will be kicking off the 2012 United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots campaign with a 51 mile escorted ride through Waukesha County. The day will start with registration at 8:30 am, coffee and donuts will be served courtesy of Quaker Steak and Lube, followed by a safety meeting at 10:00 am. The ride will be leaving the House of Harley at 10:30 and returning at approximately 12 noon at which time lunch, complements of Hupy and Abraham, will be served.

The cost of the ride will be one toy, unwrapped and still in the original packaging, per rider. If you have and questions I can be contacted either through e-mail (murdock461@gmail.com) or at 414-403-3614.

Thank you in advance

Bob "Murdock" Fuchs  
Milwaukee Hog Chapter Member at Large  
Retired Elm Grove PD

As a member of the Blue Knights Wisconsin VI, I also belong to the Oconomowoc HOG Chapter that sponsors the Breast Cancer ride in September every year. This year it is Saturday, September 22, 2012. I encourage everyone to come up and support this ride. It is \$40 for a rider and \$40 for a passenger. With this you get the ride, a meal, a little bag of goodies (which includes a bandana), and entry into the auction. All funds go directly to fighting for a cure for breast cancer in Wisconsin. My wife and I volunteer every year to work this event, as do a lot of other members of the RRC chapter. No one gets paid for working this event. Every year we look for donation for the auction which I participate in at the event. I know I have seen a few of you there. If anyone in the club has old M/C derby covers they don't want, or know someone that has old derby covers they don't want, and wants to donate them to the Oconomowoc breast cancer ride, please let me know. One of the chapter members with the RRC Chapter has a friend that paints different scenes on them and then donates them to the Breast Cancer auction for sale. Last year we had three at the auction that got some high bids. One was a 911 scene, one was a picture depicting a military scene of three pair of boots with rifles and helmets sticking out of them (this is to honor fallen soldiers), the other one, which I purchased, was of the silhouette of a soldier standing guard with the words "Duty Honor Country." They are all nicely done. If you have anything else that is new that you would like to donate to the auction, especially if it is Harley related, we would be interested in having it. I can always come and get items or meet somewhere and pick them up. I also have raffle tickets that I can sell to you for this event. Usually we give away a bike and last year it was a new Heritage Classic and second place for the first time was \$1000. This year it is pick out any bike you want and add whatever you want up to \$20,000, or pick out any in stock bike up to \$20,000. Or build a bike for up to \$20,000. And again second prize is \$1000. The tickets are \$5 a piece or 5 for \$20. If you have something, my address and phone number is in the Blue Knight directory.

Thank you,  
Al Schoessow

## 3rd Annual Axemen M/C Milwaukee Chapter Charity Dice Run Saturday, August 25, 2012

Registration 1000-1100 at Matty's Bar & Grille  
(14460 W College Ave. New Berlin, WI)

Pre-register at [www.axemenmcmilwaukee.com](http://www.axemenmcmilwaukee.com)

Donations: \$25/Rider and \$15/Passenger day of event

Pre-registration: \$20/Rider and \$10/Passenger

After ride party with food, drinks, raffles, 50/50 & music @ Matty's

Cash Raffle Tickets are available at a cost of \$10 each with cash prizes  
of 1st-\$1,000, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200, 4th-\$150, 5th-\$100 and 6th-10th-\$50.

Winning ticket numbers will be drawn at the after ride party.

You DO NOT have to be present to win.

Proceeds will be donated to the Milwaukee Fire Bell Club & other FF  
charities.

[www.axemenmcmilwaukee.com](http://www.axemenmcmilwaukee.com)

Blue Knights Members:

I would like to take  
this time to express my sincere  
gratitude for you membership's  
thoughtfulness during this  
difficult time in my life. Thank-you  
for your monetary gift. It will  
be put to good use. I appreciate  
your thoughts and was very  
humbled by your actions -

Ride Safe  
With Great Respect -

August  
Brost

Thoughtfulness  
is always  
remembered.