



Blue Knights WI VI

July 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



July has started off with a bang! The rides are in full swing and the weather has been wet and HOT.

There is much going on at all levels of the Blue Knights organization, and as I have said before.....there is no growth without change.

Now for the fun stuff:

RIDES: I received the following ride report:

The WI Blue Knights 2013 State Convention was held June 21st -23rd at the Racine County Fairgrounds. Even with a forecast of rain, rain and more rain with

thunder and lightning, the event was attended by 17 members of WI VI, we rock!!

The host chapter did an outstanding job with the food, entertainment, "bloody marys" and a shuttle service for those who didn't want to do the camping thing. There were several rides, but with the rain most people opted on taking 4 wheels instead of 2. My hat went off to those who braved the weather. The hospitality room was always stocked with plenty to munch on and adult beverages which made the weather bearable!! Those in attendance were: Tiny and Patty, Dennis and Laura, Brian and Joanne, Sandy and Nick, Carl and Janis, Tom Listinsky and Paula, Randy and Peggy Winkler, Mike Zivicki, Jim Bagurdes and Al Miller .

ENJOY THE PICTURES.....



The two photos above were from the state convention.

I received the following three photos from the past brunch and dinner rides. By the looks of them it appears all had a good time and the locations were acceptable!!



The July 24th dinner ride to Tally Ho's was attended by: Chuck & Kathy Homa, Mike Zivicki, Ron & Sandy Bethia, Scott & Ellen Wysocki, Dan Schmerse, Mark Meyer, Carl Karwacki & Janis, Gary & Mary Davey, Danny & Phyllis O'Toole, Ken Ziebell, Sandy & Nick Santoro, Steve Schultz, Bob Barr, Steve Bzdusek & Rose, Brian Bortmess & Joanne, George Markopoulos & Dawn, Al & Dawn Schoessow, New member Michael Mihalovits, and 2 friends of the Bethia's (sorry I only remembered Cheryl's name.) WOW 31 peeps.



Now on to the International:



This year's convention will definitely be one that will generate many stories.

Here is what our President had to say....

The 2013 International Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas is now history and what an interesting one it was. I am hoping some of our chapter members who attended will be submitting articles about their experiences, especially Julian's group and their ride from ----.

The business at the convention was as anticipated, and was completed as expected.

The 2015 convention will be held in Reno Nevada, July 17th through the 24th at the El Dorado Casino/Hotel. There are no costs for either the rooms or the registration available at this time. Lets hope the host chapter will do a good job for a reasonable price. Time will tell.

With this in mind, I have decided to submit a proposal to the BOG to reinstate the "International Convention Committee" that was disbanded by past International President, Bob Flannigan.

I would like to suggest that certain requirements need to be provided at an International Convention by the host chapter. If you have any suggestions for me as I write this proposal, please contact me.

As for the elections, the survey question response was about 64% in favor for keeping the elections as they have been done in the past.

The new International President is D.J. Alvarez with 2417 votes. Frank Gennari had 2,120 votes and Alex Ramirez 585 votes.

The new International Vice President is Jerry Bryan with 3,051 votes. Pat Fox had 832 votes, Russ Harper had 1,778, Anthorr Nomchong had 665, and Glen Wheat had 578 votes.

The new International Secretary is Karen Borza with 3,529 votes. Jack Kaylor had 3,374 votes.

The new International Treasurer is John Gordon with 3,178 votes. James Borza had 2,169 and Bob Seelye had 1,551 votes.

Total ballots sent out were 18,846. Ballots returned were 6,979, for a percentage of 37% of ballots cast.

At the meeting the proposal to allow the board to fill vacancies that occur during a director's term passed. There was also, a committee formed to recruit younger members.

One other interesting incident concerned the Treasurer's report. It contained several items that were questioned by the BOG. After no answer to the questions asked could be produced, there was vote to "not" accept the report. I have never seen this happen before, and as the BOG Treasurer, Jerry Bryan, is now the International Vice President, (who knows what will happen.) I will keep you informed. I also found something interesting in the BOG's Treasurer's report. Our past International president was reimbursed over \$18,300.00 in 2012 for expenses incurred while attending Blue Knights events. When I privately questioned the treasurer, he said that he did not know if that number was right, two days later he told me they were correct but that he had seen no receipts for the expenses.

This convention was HOT! Temperatures were in the 90's almost every day. There were about 750 people attending the event, overall the event was a success. Unfortunately there were several accidents involving Knight's riding to the event, and James Foley of IL XI passed away at the host hotel on Saturday. Our chapter made a \$50.00 donation (along with a few private donations) to assist the family with expenses.

We had 22 chapter members at the convention. What a great showing!

Tiny

THE FOLLOWING ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL

Tiny and Patty Kindt

Joe Kubicek

Dennis Hafeman

Mark & Patty Meyer

Julian Gonzalez

Scott Wysocki

Sandy Santoro

Kevin Porter and Kris

Mark Newell

Chuck & Kathy Homa

Jim & Sherry Ortiz

Kris Cook

Carl Karwacki & Janis

Randy & Peggy Winkler

Jim Bagurdes





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

Herman Kremkau, July 3

Sandy Santoro, July 5

Wendy Schoessow, July 9

Gary Davey, July 12

Brian Bortmess, July 16

Raymond Teriaca, July 31



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

***Congratulations Tina and Todd
on your wedding!!***

***Welcome new member Michael
Mihalovits***

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

2013 Summer GLRC August 23-25
Muncie, IN (IN I)

2013 Fall MWRC September 13-15
Broken Arrow, OK

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

2013 fall TSC October 11-14
Harrisburg, PA (PA V) (www.blueknightspav.org)

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.blueknightsn3.com)

2014 International – Information coming soon!!

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

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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.blueknightswi1.com>

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

F.Y.I. As soon as I can figure out how to import the PDF files I get from you guys, (mostly flyers to go along with some of the events I have listed) I will include them in the newsletter. Every time I receive a PDF file, my wonderful WIN8 opens and stores it in READER and I am not able to change or copy it.... ☹
If anyone is a geek and wants to give me a class I'd appreciate it!

Sandy (LTS) 372

