



Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

May 2012 Chapter Newsletter

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From Your Chapter Secretary

Here's a somewhat insincere apology for the lateness of this month's newsletter. Joe Kubicek and I just returned from the 30th Annual Root River Run in West Salem after a weekend of riding and partying with the members of the MWRC. It was a great time with perfect weather (for once). Sorry for the late issue, but I was out riding and having fun instead of writing!

Well done, is all I have to say. Of course I'm referring to our 2012 Spring Fling Dance and Fundraiser. It appears that our latest soirée was a success. The venue was perfect for our needs, and Co-Chairs Sandy Santoro and Kim Fischer-Waliszewski did a great job of pulling everything together. Hats off to Jim Bagurdes for handling the booze raffle. Laura's lucky ticket won the bushel of booze grand prize, so I feel obliged to raise a glass of *her* booze to Jim. Decorating mavens Joe and Doni Kubicek, Patti and "Tiny" Kindt, Jim Crouse, and Bob Barr had the place looking festive, and a special nod to Doni for her creative popcorn procuring. It was great to see several old faces again; Bruce Gondert (President, WI II) and his wife Julie, and Wisconsin State Rep Dane Nelsen and his wife Karen. Final numbers look good, and it looks like our charities will be receiving healthy donations this year! Kudos goes out to everyone who contributed to the overall success of our latest fundraiser. And it was a good time!

Congratulations to Jim "Tiny" Kindt on his official retirement from the Waukesha Sheriffs Department, and to Joe and Doni Kubicek on their 10th Wedding Anniversary!

Even though monthly meetings are suspended until September 18, that doesn't mean that you won't be informed. The newsletter will still be heading your way throughout the riding season. As always, I'm looking for *you*, the chapter member, to supply me with your road stories. The summer is full of great events and tall tales from the saddle; take a few minutes to bang a story out on your keyboard and send it my way.

In our next issue I'll be filing my field reports for the 2012 Spring MWRC in Winona, MN, and the Wisconsin State Convention in Green Bay.

"Wrongway" Dennis

Minutes of the May 15 Chapter Meeting

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Kindt at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. President Kindt was wearing his western gunfighter regalia, and called the meeting to order by rapping his Colt revolver on the table.
- 2) President Kindt led the chapter membership in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence for our brother Blue Knights in need.
- 3) **Introduction of new members/special guests.** Jim Ortiz (MPD retired) was introduced as a new member.
- 4) **Reading of the minutes of the last meeting (04/17/12).** A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Mike Stroessner. The motion passed.
- 5) **Treasurer's report.** Treasurer Bortmess read his monthly financial report (the contents of which will not be published in this forum). There was no discussion regarding the report. A motion to accept the report as published was made by Mike Zivicki and seconded by Jim Kindt. The motion passed.
- 6) **Quartermaster's report.** Quartermaster Bagurdes stated that he had nothing new to report. He still has a few chapter shirts available; contact him if interested. Sandy Santoro asked him to check into women's shirts for future orders.
- 7) **Old business.**
 - A) **2012 Dance.** Co-Chairperson Santoro made the final report. She stated that there are still unsold tickets that are unaccounted for, and needs them returned to her. She stated that after paying the bills the dance brought in \$2,047.30. A 6.1% expo tax had been added to the hall bill, and she stated that she needed to call them to clarify this charge. At this time all receipts for expenses have been paid, and she will be sending out thank you letters to all contributors this week. She needed to know of anyone who should receive a thank you letter. A round of applause was given to Sandy and Kim for their efforts. Joe Kubicek suggested a cash donation to our DJ; Sandy stated that he always refuses to accept money. After discussion it was decided to have an appreciation plaque made; Secretary Hafeman was given the task.
 - B) **2013 Spring GLRC.** Joe Kubicek made a report on the status of the hotel. He stated that he has been in contact with the Radisson hotel and a contract will be signed very soon. The contract is being sent out by the end of the week and after review he expects to have it signed. President Kindt stated that at the last meeting a suggestion was made to use the chapter's portion of the 50/50 raffle to purchase raffle and door prizes for the convention. A motion to do this was made by Joe Kubicek and seconded by Robert McDermott. The motion passed. President Kindt stated that donations of beer should be sought. Chuck Homa was suggested to run the Hospitality Suite; President Kindt stated he would handle registration but needs assistance. Joe Kubicek stated that many conventions are now seeing attendees coming in on Thursday. He suggested checking with Lakefront Brewery to see if they'd do a tour on Thursday night and possibly have food afterwards. He and Bob Barr will check later in the summer to see about a beer donation from Lakefront.
 - C) **Uniform Committee.** Chuck Homa stated that the idea fizzled. The committee and idea was tabled permanently. Secretary Hafeman suggested dress nicely.
There was no further old business discussed.
- 8) **New business.**
 - A) **International/GLRC updates.** Secretary Hafeman stated that he had two items. The first was the recent appointment of a new GLRC Safety Officer. Wayne MacDonald, a member at large from Ontario was appointed by GLRC Chairman Haylett. He replaces Thurlow Haskell, who had not been seen or heard from by the

GLRC board in three years. Secretary Hafeman stated that at the most recent Board of Directors meeting the proposal to go to electronic voting for the International Executive officers was passed. He stated that the current Executive officers were the only votes against this proposal. He had no further details about how this voting will take place; the procedure is still being developed with the company that will handle this.

B) Charitable donations from Assist an Officer Fund. Treasurer Bortmess stated that he had two nominations to receive donations from the fund. He stated that Angie Brost from the Waukesha Sheriffs Department was attacked by a 12 year old and while working and had her ankle broken in two places. The Sheriffs Department forced her out on a duty disability. He further stated that two years ago she lost her home to a tornado in Eagle. A motion for a \$200 donation was made by Mike Zivicki and seconded by Joe Kubicek. The motion passed. Treasurer Bortmess stated that his second nomination was for Waukesha Sheriff's Deputy Charlene Schuler, who has a four year old with cancer. The child has been receiving chemo treatments. There have been several fund raising events already. A motion for a \$250 donation was made by President Kindt and seconded by Steve Schultz. The donation was in compliance with the fund's guidelines relative to donations made to family members of officers. President Kindt directed that the appropriate amount of money be transferred from the Secondary Charity Fund to the Assist an Officer Fund to bring it back to \$4,000.

There was no additional new business discussed.

9) Announcements/Good of the Order.

- A) Mike Zivicki stated that the Rhinelander weekend with Miszewski was coming up. He has five rooms blocked for this event. He explained that this is a retiree's ride and weekend get together for retired MPD. He also stated that he still has an extra hotel room available for the upcoming Wisconsin State Convention.
- B) Chuck Homa stated that Wednesday (5/16) was the Law Enforcement Memorial ride. The meeting place was the parking lot of the Ramada Inn on 6th/Michigan. Departure to the memorial service is at 11:40 AM, with the event starting at noon or 12:30 PM. Parking on the Police Admin Building ramp has been arranged by Jim Crouse. This event honors fallen officers, and is open to all Milwaukee County departments. Treasurer Bortmess stated that the Waukesha Sheriffs Department also has a memorial event, meeting at WCTC and ending at a church on 18/Slinger. That ceremony begins at 7:00 PM.
- C) Chuck Homa stated that on May 26 the Nation of Patriots ride takes place at Wisconsin HD in Oconomowoc. The ride departs at 11:00 AM and after a brief ceremony there is an escorted ride to Woodstock, Illinois.
- D) Secretary Hafeman stated that on May 26 there is also a ride departing from the House of Harley. The First Annual Law Enforcement Ride to Support the Brotherhood is an escorted ride to the Holy Hill area, departing the House and returning after a bike blessing to the House for a BBQ. The proceeds benefit COPS. Registration is \$20 per rider; \$30 with a passenger, and opens from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.
- E) Secretary Hafeman stated that he received a thank you letter from the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight for our contribution.
- F) Secretary Hafeman stated that he received an e-mail and flyer from WI XVIII (Wisconsin Dells) for their free party on Saturday, June 9. The event, the Pre-Summer Hummer has an organized ride beginning at 4:00 PM, and food and drinks at Gilly's Island Bar at 6:00 PM in the Dells. The flyer had been sent out chapter wide via e-mail. The event takes place the same weekend as the Spring MWRC in Winona, MN.
- G) Secretary Hafeman stated that he also received and forwarded an e-mail chapter wide from Bruce Gondert regarding the CCW certification at the Deerfield Pistol Range. The e-mail stated that according to the DOJ the certification Deerfield

provides is not in compliance with the requirements for certification to carry a weapon under HR 218. In order to comply with HR 218 the CCW card must be signed by the retiree's department's head (chief, sheriff). At best Deerfield can only certify for Wisconsin CCW for now. President Kindt stated that if your department head will sign off on training such as offered by Deerfield then the permit is valid. Waukesha's sheriff will do this only if the retiree lives out of state.

- H) Bob Barr stated that Sobelman's on N. 19 St/W. St. Paul Ave. is having a hamburger benefit on Sunday, June 3 beginning at noon. \$1.00 from every hamburger sold will be donated to ABATE.

There were no further announcements made or information discussed.

10) **Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's.**

11) The 50/50 drawing was held, with \$53 being won by Paul Serdynski and \$52 going to the chapter treasury.

12) A motion to close the meeting was made by Bob McDermott and seconded by Jim Kindt. The meeting was officially closed by President Kindt at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Hafeman
Secretary, Blue Knights WI VI

Retirement of Tiny

Once upon a time there was a mountain of a man named James A. Kindt, also known as "Tiny", aka James Daniels, who worked for the Waukesha County Sheriffs Department.

On May 18th, 2012, "Tiny" decided to pull the pin and retire from the department. "Tiny's" workmate Brian Bortmess notified the Blue Knights about the upcoming retirement of the big guy at the Waukesha County Court House.

Carl and I decided to saddle Cherry Bomb and take a ride to Waukesha. It was a beautiful and pleasant day for a ride to the courthouse, making it in plenty of time for all of the festivities. Upon arrival, we were guided to the board room where the events were to take place. There was a surprised look on Jim and Patti's faces as we entered the board room. We were surprised to see the smiling face of Daniel O'Toole, who was sitting in the back of the room.

As we chatted with Tiny & Patti, a familiar figure came waddling towards us in his dress uniform, which he called it his penguin suit. We finally realized it was Brian Bortmess who looked rather dapper. The ceremony started with the posting of the colors by the Waukesha County Sheriff Honor Guard. After the posting, it was time for the presentation of the plaques. Jim received a plaque from the Governor, the Sheriff, and the County Board and from the Union. The best plaque that was presented went

to Patti for putting up with all of the B.S that went with the job. Patti also received a bouquet of flowers and a big hug from a former Blue Knight, who is a Captain with the Dept. As the ceremony continued, a familiar figure snuck in the board room. Lo and behold, it was Chuck Homa showing up fashionably late.

After the ceremonies, we stayed for coffee and conversation with Tiny's law enforcement friends and family members. After some yick yack, there was a rumbling coming from the stomachs of everyone gathered. It was decided to feed the beast as we all drove to Gyro's West for breakfast/lunch. In attendance were: Tiny & Patti and family, Danny, Chuck, Brian, Carl and Myself. The group had a great time with good food and interesting conversations.

Congratulations to Jim on your retirement and a special note to Patti on just how nice it will be to come home and 1] The house is clean, 2] The dishes are done, 3] The wash is folded & put away and 4] The dinner is burning on the stove [or is Jim a good cook?]

Love Ya from Janis, alias "Princess Runs with Scissors"





ROLL CALL

Dennis Hafeman, Laura Duff, Carl Karwacki, Janis Smolinski, Robert McDermott, Scott Wysocki, Julian Gonzalez Jr., Jim Bagurdes, Sandy Santoro, Chuck Homa, Joseph Kubicek, Paul Serdynski, Robert Barr, Steve Schultz, Jim Ortiz, Kenn Ziebell, Mike and Cindy Stroessner, Mike Zivicki, and Chris Koch

2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

2012 Spring MWRC June 8-10
Winona, MN (MN I) www.blueknightsmwrc.com

2012 Wisconsin State Convention June 15-17
Green Bay, WI (WI X)
www.blueknightswixv.com/custom_1.html

2012 International Convention July 22-27
Tyler, TX (TX XXXIV)
www.blueknightstx34.org/convention2012.html

2012 Summer GLRC August 17-19
Collingwood, Ontario, Canada (ON VIII)
www.bkglrc.com/bkevents

2012 Fall MWRC September 7-9
Omaha, NE (NE II)
<http://home.comcast.net/~wayneschwartz/MWRC/events.html>

2012 Fall Tri-State October 5-8
Gettysburg, PA (PA XXIV)
http://www.blueknightsny4.org/files/PA_24_31st_Fall_TSC_Convention_1.pdf



Happy Birthday

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

Chapter Rides

Brunch rides are held the
Second Sunday (10:00 AM)

AND

Dinner rides are held the
Fourth Wednesday (6:00 PM)

Rides begin in March and run
through November

Meeting location is the park and
ride lot adjacent to the Milwaukee
Children's Center
HWY 45 and W. Watertown Plank
Road

Destinations TBD