



Blue Knights WI VI

May 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



The 2013 May Blue Knights meeting was held May 21st, at Alioto's Restaurant. Acting President Dennis Hafeman called the meeting to order at 7:07pm with a total of 25 members and guests present. Dennis led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our members who have transferred to Heaven I.

Dennis started our last meeting before the summer break with introductions: Jared Listinsky was welcomed as a new member, (sponsored by Tom Listinsky.) Also in attendance were, Brian Gadd, the Midwest International Rep. and a member of MN I (along with his brand new HD) and Jim "Big Bird" Shutes, friend of Ted Engelbart. Welcome all!!

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting (April 16th, 2013) was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Carl Karwacki. All but 1 was in favor, the motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Bortmess read the financial report to the membership (report will not be published in this forum.) A motion to accept the report was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Michael Stroessner. The motion passed.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT: Jim Bagurdes reports there is nothing to report at this time, however he will have something for us in September!! Can't wait!

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the Harley Davidson 110th. Dennis stated that he has sent out an email to our contact person and as of yet he has not heard back from him. So Dennis is not sure of the status on

anything that they are working on. As of last month they were going to be looking into "plus 1 passes" for significant others and spouses to help out. As of today we have 22 card holding members signed up. Of those 22, three can only do Friday, one is interested, and the remaining 17 have committed to the entire event. If you are interested send an email to Dennis ASAP. Dennis stated if they back out of the plus 1 passes, he will submit a list of names to HD that would include our significant others.

Chuck Homa asked if there will be credentials and parking provided. Yes, bike parking will be on the north lot where the judging is going to be taking place. (We are still waiting on final details.) This year the event will take place on the north end of the summerfest grounds. HD wants a hard number by July 1st, they are hoping to have 20-25 volunteers.

That is all the information Dennis was able to provide for now. He guarantees to update those who are volunteering in upcoming emails.

OLD BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Tiny reports the last check has been cashed from the GLRC and all monies have been allocated to the appropriate funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

Updates on the International and GLRC issues: there were 15 alleged proposals on the agenda. The highlights are....

2013 11 & 12, regarding putting a definition and guide lines on the persona non grata list. Both passed unanimously.

13, is regarding a chapter being put on this list. The Chapter number would be retired.

14, is regarding an item by item account of expenses occurred and requested for

reimbursement by the elected executive board of the Blue Knights International. Passed 13-1.

15, Place a member of NY 10, Jeffery Skya on the persona non gratis list. Passed 14-0.

16, Amend the duties and powers of the bylaws of the Blue Knights. Passed 14-0.

There was an emergency addendum put in under the good of the order, permitting the host of the 2014 International in Austria, (June 22-27, 2014) to start taking registrations for rooms and advertising early. That was shot down once again.

*Shifting gears here since we are on the 2014 International. Dennis stated as information comes out he will get it to us. Dennis also stressed this is a once in a lifetime event for most of us and urges all to go if possible. The European conferences do it up very well!! Not only is it the International, it is also the European Conference and the UK&I Conference annual meetings.

The cost is huge, airfare alone could be as high as \$2,000 per person, (I think they meant one way.....)

There are a few Blue Knights from other chapters that are putting together deals for tours once you are there, and even flights that include crating your bikes to go there. Pat Fox and Frank Gennari both attended our GLRC and spoke about it to a few of us.

Bob Barr asked if there would be a charter from the Midwest area? Was that a volunteer to set one up??? Just asking!! The only people we know of who are putting packages together are the two people mentioned above. Do your research!

"You are only limited by your time and wallet.....Dennis Hafeman"

INHOUSE ELECTION RESULTS:

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who returned their ballots. I was very impressed, out of 54 dues paying members 49 returned their ballots. Now without further

procrastination the results were as follows: Chapter President: Tiny

Chapter Vice President: Tiny

As you see, this left Tiny in a bit of a "situation." Per Roberts Rules he can choose the office he wishes to accept.

A question was brought up on whether or not the number results could be read to all. A brief research into Roberts Rules was done....the direct answer could not be found so the numbers would NOT be read. So after several moments of consideration (and probably a call to the boss) Tiny stated, "It is my desire to do what the chapter wants. If the chapter wants me to be President then that's what I will do. If the chapter doesn't care if I'm president or vice president....." enough already!! In order to end this quickly, I'm gonna just tell you, Tiny accepted the position of chapter president.

That being said per Roberts Rules, since Tiny was elected to both offices and he chose the president's position, the assembly then votes again on the other office.

At this point Dennis graciously pulled up a chair for the newly appointed president, Tiny, and turned the meeting over to him.

After a brief discussion and research into Roberts Rules on whether another ballot vote would have to be done, it was stated that an election would have to be done with nominations being made again.

So, without further ado....Ted Engelbart nominated Dennis Hafeman for Vice President and Chuck Homa seconded the nomination. Dennis accepted. President Kindt announced three more time if there

were any more nominations for vice president. No other nominations were made, nominations were closed.

Since there was only one person nominated, (Dennis) the position was filled right away! Congratz Tiny and Dennis!!!! I am looking forward to working with you both!

Joe Kubicek made a request to have research done into whether or not the ballot totals may be read.

A motion to destroy all ballots in 30 days was made by Joe Kubicek and seconded by Michael Stroessner. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:
NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:

-We received a thank you from St. Johns Northwestern Military Academy for the donation made to their Honor Guard and Herald Trumpets unit.

-16th Annual Sheriff's K-9 Motorcycle Ride, Sunday June 2nd at the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, 515 W Moreland Blvd., Waukesha. Registration at 9am ride leaves at 10 sharp. More info at www.waukeshadeputies.org

-Nation of Patriots ride leaves this Saturday the 25th out of the Oconomowoc Harley Davidson. All bikes welcome, free event. Police escort ride to Woodstock.

-Ride this weekend (Sat 25th) out of the House of Harley. East Troy police fundraiser for kids with cancer.

-Joe reminded us that the May 1st deadline has passed and he knows of one chapter that put a bid in for 2015, and that is Nevada II.

-Joe also has a handsome pair of boots on display that he is willing to give away. He believes they are a size 13D.

-Robert McDermott suggested anyone going to Eureka Springs stop in at Grandma's Beans and Cornbread, 200 Village Circle, Eureka Springs Ar. He gives the two thumbs up!!

-Brian Gadd mentioned the recent tornados in Oklahoma. As of now he is not aware of any BK members or families that have been affected by this but he will keep us updated.

-Joe informed us he received a note from the Tri-State Conference regarding Hurricane Sandy donations. The Tri-State said that none of their people were affected to the point of needing money so, they sent the monies back. There will be discussions at the GLRC level on what to do with it.

-Packer/Bear games coming up!!! Keep November 4th and December 2nd free on your calendars. December's game would be hosted by us, so start thinking of a place.

-Bob Barr reminds us that tomorrow (being that today is still 5/21) is the fourth Wednesday of the month. He states he has very much going on right now so he hasn't put much thought into a place for the dinner ride. If anyone would like to show up somewhere and go out for a dinner (like it used to be) get an email out.

Requests were made to pick a different night of the week for the dinner ride. Bob asks you send him an email with your suggestions!

50/50 Drawing: \$43.00 to winner, Carl Karwacki and \$42.00 to the chapter.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Dennis Hafeman at 8:03pm, seconded by Carl Karwacki. Motion passed

RIDES: This month's brunch ride was cancelled since it was scheduled for mother's day. Hope all you mothers had a relaxing day!!

Fraternally,

Sandy (LTS) 435

Greater Milwaukee Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony

Wednesday, May 8, was a perfect weather day, with crystal clear skies and warm temps. It seemed that the sun shone down on the city for a reason; to give a ray of light and a measure of warmth to an otherwise somber occasion. For this day was the 8th Annual Greater Milwaukee Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony, this year held at Clas Plaza at the Milwaukee County Courthouse. It had been several years since I attended the memorial service, and felt it was high time that I go to honor the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in our profession. Joining me were Carl Karwacki, Chris and Mark Koch, Bob Barr, Scott Wysocki, Chuck Homa, Al Schoessow, Jim Ortiz, Jim and "Pork" Crouse, Danny O'Toole, and two special guests of Danny's: Tony Kolacz (former MPD and MFPD) and his guest Runa Krnesen, a police officer visiting Milwaukee from Norway. Our less than circuitous ride went from the Ramada parking lot on 8th and Michigan to our premier parking (courtesy of Jim Crouse) on the ramp by the Police Admin garage. I

think our walk to the ceremony was longer than our ride.

Our presence at the ceremony was conspicuous among the sea of Class A uniforms, as we were the only law enforcement motorcycle club represented. While the ceremony honors all who gave their lives in the line of duty, this year two officers were particularly commemorated: Milwaukee Sheriff's Deputy Sergio Aleman and Wauwatosa PD Officer Jennifer Sabena. While dignitaries such as Governor Walker, State Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen, Chief Flynn, and Sheriff Clarke spoke about the dedication and sacrifice these fallen officers made, I found myself staring at the program; particularly at the names of the four friends and co-workers I personally knew who are now enshrined on the memorial obelisk. I clearly remembered the incidents when they were taken from us, but I also remembered the many good times I shared with these men. The words offered by Chief Weber (Wauwatosa PD) and Milwaukee Deputy Wesley Boone reminded me that as long as you remember and honor those who've passed they're never truly gone. Memorial wreaths were laid to the accompaniment of *Amazing Grace* performed by the Greater Milwaukee Fire and Police Pipes and Drums, followed by a 21 gun salute and "echo" taps, which concluded the memorial ceremony. I walked back to my bike across MacArthur Square, and saw three MPD Honor Guard standing vigil at the MPD Memorial

Obelisk. I felt grateful that more names weren't added to the memorial, and knowing that I and so many of my friends and colleagues retired unscathed from "the job" lifted my spirits. I rode home strangely at peace, feeling it was fitting that we commemorate our fallen as well as honor those who still serve. With the kickoff of Law Enforcement Week a few days away I couldn't help but think that for what they do law enforcement really deserves a year-long celebration.

Riding with Pride,

"Wrongway" Dennis

Although this is the last meeting before the summer break, I will still be sending out a newsletter around the third week of the month. Please send me articles and pictures of any rides you attend, or announcements you would like to share with your fellow Blue Knight family. The summer will go by quickly.....share it!!

I wish to apologize to Peggy Paddock for the improper spelling of her last name. I am so sorry.

Sandy



ROLL CALL

Bob McDermott, Jim Bagurdes,
Chuck Homa, Jim Kindt, Steve
Schultz, Carl Karwacki, Gary &
Mary Davey, Sandy Santoro, Joe
Kubicek, Dennis Hafeman and
Laura Duff, Tom and Jared
Listinsky, Bob Barr, Scott
Wysocki, Brian & Joanne
Bortmess, Ted and Pat
Engelbart, Jim Shutes, Mark and
Kris Koch, Brian Gadd, Michael
Stroessner, Paul Serdynski,
Andre Bleickardt



Brunch rides are the 2nd Sunday
(10am)

Dinner rides are the 4th
Wednesday (6pm)

Rides run March through
November

Meeting location is the park &
ride lot adjacent to the Val
Phillips Center (Childrens
Detention Center) HWY 45 &
Watertown Plank Rd



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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Jori Crouse, May 5

Conrad Zvara, May 10

Allen Schoessow, May 12

Kris Hennen, May 15

Nick Santoro, May 17

Scott Wysocki, May 24

Pat Engelbart, May 24



Wishing all of those
who are not feeling
good health!

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

Sheriff's K-9 Ride	June 2
Waukesha County Sheriff's Dept.	
2013 Joint RGC/MWRC	June 13-15
Eureka Springs, AR (AR II/MO I)	
2013 WI State Convention	June 21-23
Racine County Fairgrounds (WI XI)	
2013 International Convention	July 14-19
Hot Springs, AR (AR IV)	
2013 Summer GLRC	August 23-25
Muncie, IN (IN I)	
2013 Fall MWRC	September 13-15
Broken Arrow, OK	
2013 fall TSC	October 11-14
Harrisburg, PA (PA V)	
Crying Towel	Nov 4 & Dec 2
Locations and times TBA	

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.

HOSTED BY BLUE KNIGHTS CHAPTER 1

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>

(Registration form below)



1st Annual Blue Knight Poker Run & Pig Roast September 21st, 2013



Starting at Buck Snorts Bar
E9708 State Road 60, Sauk City, WI 53583

Registration 9:00am -11:00am

Cost per person: Poker Run \$10.00 Pre-Registration, \$15.00 Day of event
Pig Roast \$10.00 Pre-Registration, \$15.00 Day of event

In Support of fallen Officer's and their Families. Proceeds will benefit the Wisconsin C.O.P.S. organization along with the Blue Knights Wisconsin Chapter 1.

Music, Food, Raffles & Good times & Cash prize for High Hand

Pre-Registration Form

Deadline August 10th

Complete this form and enclose a check or money order payable to: Blue Knights

Mail to: 6334 Hartford Dr, Madison, WI 53719

Contact: Paul Deuman capcitybkmc@aol.com 608-212-4722

Registration Included: Poker Hand, Cash prizes.

☐ Poker Run \$10.00

☐ Pig Roast \$10.00

☐ Both Events \$20.00

Amount

Enclosed \$ _____

Check # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Passenger:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Waiver: In consideration of my entry in the Blue Knight Poker Run, I hereby waive, release & discharge any & all claims for damages, injury, and property damage which I may have, or which may hereafter occur to may as a result of my participation in said event. This release is intended to discharge in advance the promoters, sponsors, all municipalities and public entities (and their respective agents and employees) for and agents any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in the event. I understand the risks involved in participating in such event. I hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all of the persons or entities mentioned.

Signature of Rider: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Passenger: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent if participant is under 18: _____ Date: _____

