



Blue Knights WI VI

September 2014 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.

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The 2014 Blue Knights WI VI September meeting was held on September 16th, 2014 at Alioto's Restaurant.

President Jim Kindt (Tiny) called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with a total of 33 members and guests present. Welcome Randy Abbott from the Dodge county guys, along with a prospective new member, Carrie Burgoyne, and returning once again (I think) Roberto Duarte from MPD.

President Kindt led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our brothers who are in need.

*President Kindt asked if there were any "lifestyle" changes that anyone wished to mention??? Why yes there is....Paul Serdyski and Jane are officially engaged as of 09-13-14. Congratulations!

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting (May 20th 2014) was made by Dennis Hafeman and seconded by Chuck Homa. The motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Brian Bortmess read the financial reports from June, July, August and September to the membership (report will not be published in this forum.) President Kindt asked for the amount of monies we made on the Brewers Fundraiser game. We made a \$30.00 profit on each ticket and we sold 42 tickets. (Do the math) President Kindt

reminded us that the profit would be going towards the Secondary Charity Fund. Robert McDermott asked what the amount for the jersey was for. Answer: In the November 19th 2013 meeting a motion was made (and passed) to replace Tiny's packer jersey that was destroyed in the previous Packer/Bear game. Bob Barr asked how much we make on interest in our funds that we have invested, the CD's? Brian asked for some time to figure that total out, (one investment is at .45% and the other is at .75%) so this will be tabled until next meeting. A motion to accept the report was made by Dennis Hafeman and seconded by Al Schoessow. The motion passed.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT: Quartermaster Jim Bagurdes said he has nothing!

OLD BUSINESS:

BADGES: Brian states they are available at Somars. He will get a flyer together for the newsletter for anyone interested in purchasing one.

RIDES: Bob Barr stated that this year has been kind of a bummer regarding rides partially because of his inability to be there or not. Bob stated he put out a notice for anyone to put together a ride for this past weekend and has not heard if anyone put something together. If you

have suggestions on places to go and where to meet he welcomes the suggestions. Otherwise he will set up a place to meet and if isn't someplace you like, too bad. You always have the option to meet at the final destination or arrange to join the group along the way.

STATE CONVENTION: The convention was held June 20-22 at the Waupun Community Center. A great time was had along with lots of food, beverages and prizes. WI VI had a total of 18 members in attendance.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION: Tiny reported it was a good time. A lot of it was run by the visitor's convention. They reported between 11-15 hundred people in attendance. The scenery was unbelievable! Dennis, Joe and I were out there for three weeks along with our significant others. WI VI was the second largest US chapters in attendance with a total of 10 members (and significant others.)

The food was unbelievable and the beer was great, but very expensive.

We will probably put together a slide show for anyone who wants to see it.

The convention started off on a sad note as the European Chairman passed away the first day of the convention.

BREWER FUNDRAISER: Tiny reports it was a good time, if you didn't go you missed it! Tiny said he would love to do it again. We will have the total profits from this fundraiser at the next meeting.

GLRC: Dennis reports: The GLRC in Galesburg was a great time! IL XXVI did a fantastic job! This was their 10 year anniversary and they went all out. The food, beer and raffles were great. As most of you already know, if you read your newsletter that I sent out, there was an election of the GLCR Officers. I am pleased to announce that Tiny and I both won the offices we were running for. I am now your new GLRC International Rep and Tiny is now your GLRC treasurer, and at this

time I am going to proudly present Tiny (on behalf of the GLRC) with his GLRC rocker.

Tiny then congratulated Dennis on his new position of International Rep, then stated, "If anyone has a problem.....Dennis is the guy you go to!" But according to Dennis you go to your chapter president....Tiny. Sounds to me that there is going to be a lot of passing the buck here, LOL.

OLD BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Bob Barr suggested that the guy who lead the group out to the suicide run (the ride us poor people did while the rich people went to Europe) give a short synopsis of the adventure.

Mark Meyer stated a great time was had by all. NY did a great job. Unless you are the President of the United States, I don't know how you are ever going to ride two hours through NY without stopping. And riding through the mountains of Pennsylvania (although not the Alps) the scenery was beautiful. (Look at last month's newsletter for Mark's article for more information.)

NEW BUSINESS:

INTERNATIONAL & GLRC UPDATES: Dennis Hafeman reports his first International meeting lasted under an hour.....something that is guaranteed not to happen two months in a row! There isn't a whole lot to report Dennis sent his first report out to all, if you didn't receive it contact him. Here is a summary:

- Problem with the 3 piece patches over in Australia. Waiting on verification if this is actually illegal.
- By law changes

On the GLRC level: You are all aware that there is a new GLRC board:

Chairman – Tom Peed

Vice Chairman – Paul Croteau

Secretary – Glen Wheat

Treasurer – Jim Kindt (Tiny)

GLRC International Rep – Dennis Hafeman

With the new board taking place there are some changes with the reps. Glen Wheat stepped down as the Indiana Rep and John Davis of IN X will take over, and the Ontario/NY rep who was Paul Croteau will now be Dale Morrison of NY V. Our long term GLRC Reporter Nancy Erickson

resigned right before the elections due to some serious health issues so Cindy Arnold (wife of Brian Arnold, the OH State rep) is the new GLRC reporter.

As of the meeting there were no official bids for the 2015 Summer GLRC or the 2016 Spring GLRC. Since time is a factor, Ohio III (Dayton) has put together a tentative bid that will probably be approved by the GLRC board. The tentative dates of this are August 14-16, 2015. BUT NOT CONFIRMED YET. Looks like it will be a camping weekend in the Dayton-Xenia area. If you are an aircraft freak, the air force base is outside Dayton and it is a fantastic experience if you are that type of person.

PACKER BEAR GAME/CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Packer/Bear game that we are putting on is a night game (Nov 9th 7:30pm kick off) Last year we had it at Piccadilly's and we can have the same location this year. The majority of the members want to combine the Christmas and Packer game together. So we need to get working on the details!!!! Since I will be in charge of everything (according to Tiny) please bring the following ideas to next month's meeting:

- Food suggestions – Snacks - Beverages (beer, soda, water, coffee) Cake
- Supplies, coolers, paper plates/napkins, plastic forks/spoons, Nescoes, ice
- Decorations – Pools – 50/50
- Set-up and Clean up people

HAVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS NEXT MEETING!

INTERNATIONAL FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE: I am interested in forming a feasibility committee to explore the possibility of hosting the 2017 International. I need to know before I (and Mark Meyer) start pouring time into this, if the club #1- wants to do this, and #2- is willing to participate. In 2007 we hosted the International and we put on one heck of a good time (at least that's been the feedback) and all who participated know it is a lot of work.

Before we go any further on this can I have a show of hands who would be interested in

hosting and helping out. The majority want to do this.

Mark Meyer and I will get in touch with VISIT Milwaukee and check out what is out there. We will keep you posted. If this is a GO, we need to have our proposal ready to present to the BOG on 05-01-14.

President Kindt appointed Mark and I to head the feasibility committee.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

*****MOTION BY DENNIS:** Motion was made by Dennis Hafeman that all future proceeds from the 50/50 drawing be placed into the secondary charity fund until another motion is made to stop that.

Questions/comments: -if you are looking to run an international you are going to need more front monies for that.

-we don't know if an international is feasible at this time and we can always change it back.

Motion was seconded by Steve Bzduzek, motion passes.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICER DOWN FUND:

Jim Crouse nominated Officer Craig Nichols (MPD) to receive \$500.00. His house was burglarized, and when they found his uniform they started it on fire and his house burned down. He is living out of a Hotel.

Officer Chris Maddy (MPD) was nominated to receive \$500.00. He was beaten with his baton. A brief discussion and referral into the charity guideline took place.

After checking the guidelines the club voted to give \$500.00 to Craig Nichols. Jim Crouse has agreed to get the check to him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER: GOOD OF THE ORDER FROM THE FLOOR:

Chuck Homa received a thank you card from the Karlovich family.

Dennis received a thank you note from the family of Gary Curran, Donna Geracie's husband.

DUES: Dennis reminded everyone that the dues are due. \$35.00 if you receive a paper

newsletter, \$30.00 if you receive an electronic newsletter, new members it is \$40.00. See Sandy, Tiny, Brian, or Dennis ASAP. The renewal packet will be coming out at the end of the month so let's get a jump on this!

Al Schoessow found one of our patches on the counter for anyone to grab at another club in West Bend. He stated he picked it up and reminded us to be aware of what happens to our colors when people leave the club. Maybe we can offer a few dollars for incentive to give them back.

Jim Crouse thanked everyone who sent cards or floral arrangements for his mom, he really appreciated it.

Sandy has the 40th anniversary window stickers for each of you.....see her for yours.

50/50 DRAWING: \$78 to the winner and \$77 to the club. And the winner is!!

Carrie Burgoyne (yeah!! Enough to pay her membership fees)

RIDES/EVENTS: Ted Engelbart sent the following article:

Wow, this was a great summer for Pat and me. Upon returning from the International Blue Knight Convention in Austria we began to get ready for our Sturgis ride. We had been to Sturgis 14 years ago and were looking forward to taking up where we left off.

On this trip to Sturgis we found it to be quite a bit tamer then when we were there in 2000. The girls flashing were nonexistent on this trip, well except for when Pat got back to our room. We stayed in Rapid City and visited the Sturgis Rally several times, Hill City and Dead Wood during the week.

Bob Barr had recommended taking a ride on the Needles Highway to the Sylvan Lodge. This ride was not only beautiful and panoramic, but the road reminded me of a miniature Tail of the Dragon ride. Once at the lodge Pat and I found that we were the only two people not wearing

vest with colors, yep, there were what appeared to be about 40 hardcore motorcycle enthusiasts from North Dakota, all wearing colors. It looked like they enjoyed the ornamental architecture of the lodge too.

On Tuesday afternoon the hotel was hosting a biker appreciation party. Pat and I we were sitting on a picnic table when we were joined by five bikers. After exchanging pleasantries we learned that they were all Blue Knights from New York City. One was still active, while the others were retired. They invited us to contact them next year when Pat and I plan to visit New York.

Now Pat and I enjoyed our travels around the Sturgis area, but my true highlight was when we were riding through Sturgis returning from a visit to the Buffalo Chip and Full Throttle Saloon when I had problems with the gear shift. We would ride about 10 feet and stop and then 10 more feet and stop. After an hour of this the trike conked out and I couldn't get it started, well fortunately or maybe I should say most auspiciously we were in front of an area were bikini clad girls were advertising their bike washes. The girls, 5 of them, ran over to the trike and began pushing. I yelled that it would be best for them to reach over me and push on the handle bars. Well, they pushed the trike to their wash station and proceed to wash it. This was truly not only a scary time for me, but also traumatic as I almost forgot all about Pat in my concerns about the trike.

Pat and I had planned on riding to the Allegheny Mountains in Pennsylvania and Canada in September along with members of our Hartford riding club, but we had to cancel because of a torn meniscus in my left knee (actually happened in Austria), but by next year it will be completely healed and our big ride will be the Suicide Run in New York.

Ted

President Kindt read the following events:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
September 27 th 2014	BREWER/CUBS GAME, an invite from IL VI, contact Rich Martinez blueknightsillinoisix@gmail.com
September 28 th 2014	PACKER/BEAR GAME, Waukegan, IL (see attached flyer) *** A GROUP WILL BE LEAVING AROUND TEN FROM THE COLLEGE PARK N RIDE
October 10 th -13 th 2014	TRI STATE CONVENTION, NY IV www.blueknightsny4.org
October 11 th 2014	BATTLE OF THE BADGES fight for Autism (see flyer)
October 19 th 2014	WI II (Watertown) fall ride and chili feed (see flyer)
November 9 th 2014	PACKER/BEAR GAME: WI VI HOSTS (details to come)
March 20 th -22 nd 2015	SPRING GLRC, OHIO XXV Canton, OH (see attached flyer)
June 26 th -28 th 2015	WI State Convention, BK WI XIII, Minocqua Sports Complex butlersupnorth@gmail.com (John Butler) (flyer to come)
July 12 th -17 th 2015	2015 INTERNATIONAL RENO, NV (reno2015@bkny2.org or www.bkny2.org) (see flyer)
August 14 th -16 th 2015	TENATIVE Summer GLRC, Ohio III (details to come)
June 19 th -24 th 2016	2016 INTERNATINAL destination: Harrisburg PA. info to come

IS THERE ANY INTEREST IN DOING A HAUNTED HAYRIDE? SEE SANDY.....APPLE HOLLAR DOES ONE, YOU CAN EVEN ROAST WEINERS AND MAKE A CAMP FIRE.

NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 21ST AT 7PM ALIOTOS. SOCIAL HOUR STARTS AT 6PM

Motion to close was made at 0801pm by Carl Karwacki and seconded by Tom Listinsky, motion passed.

Fraternally,
Sandy (ABD)



Chuck Homa
Steve Schultz
Danny O'Toole
Sandy Santoro
Dennis Hafeman
Jim & Patti Kindt
Al Schoessow
Gary & Mary Davey
Carl Karwacki
Jim Ortiz
Mike & Charlene Hersch
Jim Bagurdes
Mike Stroessner
Steve Bzdusek
Jared Listinsky
Tom Listinsky
Jim Crouse
Bob McDermott
Bob Barr
Andre & Kristi Bleickardt
Mark Meyer
Carrie Burgoyne (guest)
Joanne Cook
Brian Bortmess
Mike Mihalovits
Kenn Ziebell
Roberto Duante (guest)
Scott Wysocki
Chris Koch

Brunch rides are the 2nd Sunday
(10am)

Dinner rides are the 4th
Wednesday (6pm)

Rides run March through
November



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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Patti Kindt, Sept 1
Joseph Roy, Sept 11
James Dunn, Sept 14
Kevin Porter, Sept 18
Dan Schmerse, Sept 22
Jim Peterson, Sept 25
Jim Kindt, Sept 28
Gerald Bolyard, Sept 30

CONGRADULATIONS

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