



# Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

September 2012 Chapter Newsletter

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From Your Chapter Secretary

I'm starting this month's newsletter with a riddle: what's four days long; 1200 miles round, and always costs "Tiny" a fortune? Answer: the 2012 Fall MWRC. Joe and Doni Kubicek, "Tiny" and Patti Kindt and I travelled to the metropolis of Omaha, Nebraska for a weekend of frivolity with our brother and sister Blue Knights in the Midwest Conference. The event officially started September 7, but our hosts (NE II) decided to open the hospitality suite a day early and arrange a group dinner if members decided to come in a day sooner. Of course we all took advantage of that and rode in Thursday afternoon. Heeding the suggestion of Bob McDermott, our point man Joe chose US Hwy 30, AKA the Lincoln Highway as our route across Iowa. This is one of America's historic byways, stretching from Times Square in New York City to Lincoln Park in San Francisco. A pleasant ride, with little to no traffic issues to deal with. Later on Thursday Randy and Peggy Winkler rode in, astride "HAL 9000," their clinically insane BMW. It seems Randy and Peggy bought a new Beemer, thinking they'd be upgrading. Unfortunately the new bike has a bad computer, which decides to shut down the ignition, GPS and radio when it feels like it, and occasionally gives false info to Randy (like an MPG of 400 miles to the gallon). I named Randy's loopy bike after the lunatic computer from *2001 A Space Odyssey*. He and Peggy prefer to call it "Dumbass." After 11 trips to the dealer (including one in Omaha for new tires after 7000 miles) the problem was finally diagnosed properly.

Friday brought morning rain, but not enough to dissuade us from heading to Pacific Junction, Iowa, for a fried chicken lunch provided by Loess Hills HD. Thanks to "HAL" and his ongoing antics Randy did a test ride on a new Harley dresser. From there we took a leisurely ride to the Union Pacific Railroad Museum in nearby Council Bluffs. The place was full of memorabilia documenting the development of the transcontinental railroad. Behind the museum was the "Squirrel Cage" Jail. I didn't tour it, but Randy and Peggy did, probably because HAL was driving both of them nuts! You'll have to ask them for an explanation about what this place is. Then it was back to the hospitality suite for an evening of merriment Blue Knights style. By then Carl Karwacki and Jim Bagurdes had arrived, rounding out the WI VI crew.

Saturday morning “Tiny”, Joe, and I hit the MWRC business meeting to talk up our upcoming spring GLRC. Joe was resplendent in his new “Thing 1” t-shirt, while I sported my new “Thing 2” shirt; both featured “The Milwaukee Twins” on the back. We’d decided to raise the bar on the whole nickname thing (pun intended), and being as Rick McCrea (Chairman, MWRC) gave us the handle it was a fitting place to debut the new duds. Of course a member’s nine year old daughter (appropriately nicknamed “Nemesis”) busted Joe’s chops over the shirts color. The real Thing 1 and 2 from the Dr. Seuss books wear red; our shirts were black and apparently unacceptable to her. She’s gonna make some guy a fine ex-wife someday! Anyway, besides advertising our convention (and getting our first paid registration) we found out the locations and dates for the next four MWRCs. The 2013 Spring MWRC is a combined event with the RGC, and will be in Eureka Springs, AK, from June 13-15. The 2013 Fall MWRC is going to be in Broken Arrow, OK (a suburb of Tulsa), tentatively from September 13-15. Davenport, IA, will be the location of the 2014 Spring MWRC (June 13-15), and then it’s back to Oklahoma (Oklahoma City to be exact) for the 2014 Fall MWRC (September 12-14). Finally free of meetings it was time to fire up the scoots again for some local riding. This time lunch was provided by Dillon Brothers HD in Omaha (a build your own sandwich buffet). Here’s where “Tiny” met his downfall. He found a 2009 customized Tour Glide on the showroom floor with just over 2,400 miles on it, and not outrageously overpriced. Well, one test ride and a few hours of deliberation later (and a \$500 down payment) our chapter prez is the proud owner of a second bike. Now all he has to do is head back to Omaha, pick it up and ride it home. Afterwards we took a long ride to the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland, NE. This place is wicked cool, especially if you get into military aircraft. Joe and Doni took a spin in a flight simulator. Of course you have to empty your pockets before the ride; Joe and Doni did (or so they thought). It seems Doni completely forgot about the pockets in her vest, and once the ride started spinning her lighter, chap-stick, and a few other items became comedic shrapnel inside the simulator. By then it was time to head back to the host hotel to clean up for the banquet, and round three of partying. Morning would come too soon, and we had a 500+ mile day of riding ahead of us.

September 13 was round 1 of the Crying Towel Classic, the 15<sup>th</sup> annual to be exact. Jim “Mac” McCarthy and the members of IL X hosted the first Packers/Bears game at Jester’s in Waukegan, IL. By kickoff Wisconsin had a pretty fair showing. Present were: Joe and Doni, “Tiny” and Patti, Carl Wacko and Janis, Sandy and Nick Santoro, Chuck Homa, Scott Wysocki, Brian Bortmess and Joanne, and Laura and me. Also cheering the Green and Gold were Wisconsin State Rep Dane Nelsen (WI X) and his wife Karen, and Bob “Skippy” Jarosz from WI XI (Racine). It was an evening of great football (with the Pack winning 23-10) and the usual hijinks. Last year the chapters decided that the winning team’s chapter could pick *anyone* from the losing team’s chapter to wear the opposing team’s jersey. For round 1 of the Classic it was decided to put the Packers jersey on “Mac’s” daughter Meggan, who abhors the Packers. I think her skin actually burned when she pulled Favre’s #4 over her Bears regalia. Most of us stayed overnight, and hit The Red School Café just over the Wisconsin border in Bristol. Gil Farrow’s (IL X) daughter is a cook there, and breakfast is always delicious and filling; the perfect end to another perfect BK adventure. Round 2 is on Sunday, December 16 (noon kickoff) and is hosted by WI VI. We’re still looking for a venue for the game, so if anyone has a suggestion it’ll be appreciated. The event is open to all Blue Knights and their guests, so come on out and enjoy!

*“Wrongway” Dennis*

## Minutes of the September 18 Chapter Meeting

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Kindt at 7:05 PM on Tuesday, September 18, 2012.
- 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 and sister Blue Knights in need.
- 3) **Introduction of new members/special guests.** Sandy Santoro introduced Jason Bleichwehl, and Secretary Hafeman introduced Ed Marynik (MPD retired), a returning member.
- 4) **Reading of the minutes of the last meeting (05/15/12).** A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Joe Kubicek and seconded by Chuck Homa. The motion passed.
- 5) **Treasurer's report.** Treasurer Bortmess was not present (at work), and a treasurer's report had not been sent out. President Kindt stated he would contact Treasurer Bortmess and get a report sent to the board.
- 6) **Quartermaster's report.** Quartermaster Bagurdes had two very colorful shirts to display (hot pink and chartreuse); these shirts were close out items from Will Enterprises. He stated that Fruit of the Loom brand long sleeve shirts were \$4.85 per shirt; short sleeved were \$3.45. With the printing of our chapter colors on the back and an order of 24-47 shirts, the cost would be \$532 plus the cost of the shirts and \$84 set up fee. The set up fee would be waived with an order of 107 shirts. He will have a list of shirt colors at the next chapter meeting, and will go with either Fruit of the Loom or Jerzees brand shirts which are a few dollars more.
- 7) **Old business.**
  - A) **2013 Spring GLRC.** Joe Kubicek made a report on the status of the convention. The event will be held March 1-3, 2013, but recent conventions have been opening the hospitality suite a day early, so our event will most likely begin on Feb. 28. He was thinking about arranging a private brewery tour at Lakefront Brewery and dinner afterwards, then returning to the hotel hospitality suite. He passed around an event booklet from the recent Fall MWRC for the membership to examine. He then asked if an official chair for the event had been appointed; one had not. Joe then volunteered to chair the convention unless anyone else was interested. Bob Barr nominated Joe Kubicek as the event chairman, which was seconded by many. President Kindt asked for any other interested members, and none responded. Joe Kubicek was appointed chairman of the GLRC convention. Joe stated that many recent conventions have been putting on outstanding events, with excellent food, touring, etc. Things have gotten so much better at other events that Joe suggested "upping our standards" and providing a better experience. Joe further stated that at recent events chapters have been bringing their own liquor into the hospitality suites. He checked with our host hotel and they gave the okay for us to do this. Joe asked that members donate a bottle of good booze to the suite, so we could put out 20-25 quality bottles (no cheap stuff). Joe stated that we will be looking for volunteers to head various committees. Jim and Patti Kindt will be chairing the Registration Committee, and will be asking members to help stuff bags and handle registration. The Budget and Finance Committee would be part of the Registration Committee. Other committees mentioned were the Hospitality Committee (responsible for running the hospitality suite); Entertainment Committee (provides entertainment in the evenings, like a DJ or karaoke); Program/Printing Committee (responsible for setting up weekend program, securing sponsors); Thursday Night Committee (responsible for setting up entertainment for early arrivals, brewery tour, dinner); Awards Committee (responsible for awards). Joe explained that usually the Largest Chapter in Attendance award for the chapter with the most members in attendance.

However, we will do a Largest Chapter in Attendance award by volume. A scale will be set up, and members will weigh in. He also mentioned a Harley Museum Committee (responsible for setting up any functions at the museum). He stated that Secretary Hafeman was looking into a scavenger hunt at the museum on Saturday. This committee would also look into getting discounts for admission, discounted lunches, etc. Secretary Hafeman stated he would chair this committee. A Sales/Vendors/Sewing Committee was mentioned, and discussion took place regarding having vendors come in. President Kindt mentioned having a tattoo artist, and Joe mentioned having Seems Sew Perfect come in with her wares. Space at the hotel may be an issue, and would need to be checked into. A Raffle Committee (to handle bucket raffles, 50/50, door prizes). Joe explained that at a recent poker run a playing card raffle was done for a handgun; a gift card from Gander Mountain was given to the winner in the amount of the gun, with a 2 week window to retrieve it.

Discussion took place to whether the chapter will do a spring dance. Usually when the chapter hosts a convention a fund raiser is not done that year. Sandy Santoro stated that a fund raiser (not necessarily a dance) can always be done later in the year, and that the Knights of Columbus has contacted her looking for a 2013 date. Other suggestions such as a poker run or a later dance were made. President Kindt took a vote as to whether or not to do a dance. 13 members voted to cancel the dance for 2013; 5 voted to postpone it, and 0 voted to do the dance.

Mike Zivicki asked that when collecting booze for the convention, would gift cards be usable. Joe Kubicek stated they would be good door prizes. President Kindt stated that anyone with a connection to get a \$100 gas card (or several lower denominations) let him know. Early registrations are being entered into a drawing for a \$100 gas card as an incentive to pre-register. If the gas cards are for local stations, Joe stated he'd buy the card and use the money to buy a Visa card that anyone would be able to use. Donation letters will be available at the next meeting. President Kindt stated that chapter members will be expected to pay for their registration and hotel rooms. Arrangements for rooms will be made for those working late and drinking. Bob Barr suggested someone with connections with a printer handle printing up the convention booklet rather than making copies on their computer. Joe Kubicek asked about a logo for the convention, and stated that Secretary Hafeman had some rough sketches sent to President Kindt's son, but anyone can submit ideas or artwork. President Kindt had already put the slogan "A Get Together for Beer, Bikes, and Brotherhood" on the registration form.

Chuck Homa suggested having someone serving beer in the hospitality suite to avoid wasting beer. President Kindt stated that people interested in chairing committees check with Joe, Dennis or him to find out what is expected of them. Committee chairs should meet at least every 6 weeks, then monthly up to the event.

**B) There was no further old business discussed.**

**8) New business.**

**A) International/GLRC updates.** President Kindt stated that there are a number of proposals coming up for votes at the International Board of Directors meeting on 9/26. He stated that the GLRC chairman has asked for the opinions of each chapter. He summarized each proposal with the assistance of Secretary Hafeman and called for a vote. The first proposal was to donate \$1,000 to the Law Enforcement Torch Run in Canada. After discussion the chapter voted to not support this proposal. The next proposal dealt with changing the wording of membership and paying dues. The proposal stated that if dues are not paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> of January the member would be considered not in good standing until the required dues and penalty are paid by the member. The chapter voted to not support this proposal. The next

proposal was to suspend the rules pertaining to posting information on the 2014 International Convention more than 1 year in advance. Due to the magnitude of planning this trip Austria is asking to start advertising the event now instead of waiting until July of 2013. After discussion the chapter voted to support this proposal. The next two proposals dealt with repealing the bylaws regarding the collection of dues by the Board of Governors. It was explained that the issue here was that the International wanted to make this change, but the BOG stated that these issues should be put on the BOG agenda and voted on by their members and not the International officers. After discussion the chapter voted to not support both of these proposals. The last proposal was to trademark the name *Sword and Shield*, the new name for the International magazine. The chapter voted to support this proposal.

Secretary Hafeman explained that since he has now been elected the GLRC Chairman it is his opinion that decisions about how the club operates should not be made by one person or one board; the decisions should be made by the members, who will direct the president how to vote. The president in turn will tell the GLRC how to vote, and the GLRC chairman will direct the International Rep how the conference wants him to vote. While these proposals do slow down a meeting it is the responsibility of the clubs leaders to get this info to the membership for their votes.

- B) Jim Crouse made three suggestions for donations from the Assist an Officer fund. The first was for Deputy Sergio Aliman. After discussion it was determined that this request did not meet the criteria of the Assist and Officer fund. The suggestion was made to pass the hat. The second request was for Lt. Murphy from Oak Creek PD, who was shot 15 times. The request was for a \$500 donation. The chapter voted to make this donation. The third request was made for MPD officer Josh Albert, also for \$500. The chapter voted to make this donation. Jim Crouse stated that he will present the checks to each officer.
  - C) Mike Zivicki asked if there was a venue for the second Packers/Bears game. He suggested Amelia's on E. Layton Ave. He stated he would make contact with the owner of the restaurant and get that info to a board member.
  - D) President Kindt presented a framed certificate of appreciation to Jason Bleichwehl, the DJ for our chapter fundraising dances.
  - E) **There was no additional new business discussed.**
- 9) **Announcements/Good of the Order.**
- A) Secretary Hafeman stated that he has received thank you letters from Angie Brost and Charlene Schuler, both recipients of donations from the Assist and Officer fund.
  - B) Secretary Hafeman stated that he received and forwarded an e-mail from Al Schoessow regarding the Breast Cancer Research Ride on September 21-22.
  - C) Secretary Hafeman read a flyer for the October 28<sup>th</sup> Fall Ride and Chili Feed/Packers game hosted by WI II. The ride flyer is attached.
  - D) Bob Barr suggested making the WI II fall ride the chapter's monthly brunch ride. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that the chapter brunch ride will remain on Sunday, October 14, and the WI II ride will be an additional event. The September dinner ride will be on 9/26, and will be to Lychee Garden on S. 77/W. Layton Ave. A tentative fall colors ride will coincide with the 10/14 brunch ride.
  - E) Sandy Santoro reminded members that she is hosting a show and tell/dinner party at her home on Saturday, 9/22, starting at 4:00 PM.
  - F) President Kindt reminded the members that 2012 is an election year for chapter officers. Due to Secretary Hafeman being elected the GLRC chairman he will not be running for chapter secretary again. The chapter will need a new secretary. President Kindt stated that whoever takes the office will have Joe Kubicek and Dennis Hafeman available to help get them started.

**There were no further announcements made or information discussed.**

10) **Next meeting date: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's.**

11) The 50/50 drawing was held, with \$52 being won by Patti Kindt and \$51 going to the chapter treasury (earmarked for the 2013 Spring GLRC).

12) A motion to close the meeting was made by Joe Kubicek and seconded by Chuck Homa. The meeting was officially closed by President Kindt at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Hafeman  
Secretary, Blue Knights WI VI

## 2012 Wisconsin VI International Swim Team



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## ROLL CALL

Dennis Hafeman, Laura Duff, Jim and Patti Kindt, Joe Kubicek, Bob McDermott, Ray and Leane Teriaca, Ed Marynik, Michael Stroessner, Christine Koch, Jim Ortiz, Kenn Ziebell, Sandy Santoro, Andre and Kristi Bleickardt, Scott Wysocki, Tom Listinsky, Julian Gonzalez Jr., Robert Barr, Michael Zivicki, Chuck Homa, Steve Schultz, Jim Bagurdes, Jim Crouse, and Carl Karwacki



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Patti Kindt-September 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sue Zube-September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
James Dunn-September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Kevin Porter-September 18<sup>th</sup>  
Dan Schmerse-September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Jim Peterson-September 25<sup>th</sup>  
Jim "Tiny" Kindt-September 28<sup>th</sup>

## 2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

2012 Fall Tri-State  
Gettysburg, PA (PA XXIV)

October 5-8

[http://www.blueknightsny4.org/files/PA\\_24\\_31st\\_Fall\\_TSC\\_Convention\\_1.pdf](http://www.blueknightsny4.org/files/PA_24_31st_Fall_TSC_Convention_1.pdf)

Round II of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Crying Towel Classic  
Milwaukee, WI (WI VI)

Kickoff is at noon (tentatively) Sunday, December 16  
Location TBD

## 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



# BLUE KNIGHTS

WISCONSIN CHAPTER II





10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Fundraiser - Fall Ride & Chili Feed

Date: Sunday, October 28, 2012  
Registration Time: 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Fall Color Ride

Ride Departure at 10:30 AM  
Followed by Beer / Soda &  
All you care to eat Chili Feed  
Raffles/Door Prizes & 50/50

12:00 PM:  Packers v.  Jaguars game  
Cost: \$15 per bike/driver  
Plus: \$10 for a passenger

Location: VFW Club Post 3589  
1420 S. Main Street  
Jefferson, WI 53549

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