



Blue Knights WI VI

September 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 September meeting was held on September 17th, at Alioto's Restaurant.

President Jim Kindt (Tiny) called the meeting to order at 7:10pm with a total of 27 members present (see roll call). President Kindt led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our members who have transferred to Heaven I.

Treasurer Brian Bortmess introduced our newest member Mike Mihalovits, and Director Chuck Homa introduced a potential new member, Robin Griepentrog, retired officer from MPD.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting (May 21st, 2013) was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Vice President Dennis Hafeman. All but 1 were in favor, the motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Bortmess read the financial report to the

membership (report will not be published in this forum.)

On behalf of Mark Meyer (who was not able to attend this meeting) VP Hafeman read a short note from Mark asking why we are still using the CD's at their current rate when the checking account has a higher rate? Mark brings up a good point and questioned if it would be better to transfer the monies to a checking account for a better interest rate. Treasurer Bortmess stated he would look into this. President Kindt authorized Brian to move the CD's to the higher interest rate, as long as no one else has an issue with it. Discussion was opened to the floor. No questions or comments from the floor.

A motion to accept the report was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Kenn Ziebell. The motion passed.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT: Jim Bagurdes reports he looked into the shirts Bob Barr requested.....you know, the "collarless ones with the buttons." There

will be ladies and men's, short and long sleeve shirts, with embroidering in gold letters that say, Blue Knights WI VI. They come in different colors and sizes up to 3XL. Prices are \$15.95 for small to XL, \$16.95 for 2XL & \$17.95 for 3XL.

President Kindt authorized the quartermaster to give VP Hafeman a challenge coin to replace the one he gave to George at the Harley 100th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recap on the Harley Davidson 110th. President Kindt stated it was a successful performance and HD absolutely wants us back again.

Thank you to VP Dennis Hafeman for your hard work setting this up (even though we didn't get our shirts, LOL) and to Carl Karwacki for taking one for the team and riding his "other motor cycle" to bring us the much needed and appreciated refreshments!!!

On that note: A.J. Morganelli from Whelen, (one of the HD sponsors) approached Patti and asked who was paying for our beverages. When he heard the club was buying them he gave \$150.00 to cover the cost. So the club will be reimbursed that amount. A thank you card has been sent out to him.

International: President Kindt went over events that occurred during the 2013 International at Hot Springs. For a more detailed report please refer to the July newsletter.

- Treasurer's report was not accepted. Many questions could not be answered regarding monies reimbursed to attend events by the outgoing president. Stay tuned, and be aware of what is going on with your dues \$\$\$.

- BOD voted to have an outside agency review books.
- PLEASE go to the International website – members only area and keep up to date on how things are progressing.

OLD BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Packer/Bears games: The first game will be Monday Nov. 04th 2013 hosted by Illinois X. The festivities will be at Jesters in Waukegan, IL. Those who wish to get the "total experience" are invited to stay overnight at Super 8 (630 N.. Green Bay Rd, Waukegan, #1-800—249-2388) and possibly breakfast on the way home at the Red School Cafe in Bristol, WI.

The second game is Dec. 29th, 2013 hosted by us. Brian suggested we consider the Wern Valley Sportsman Club, in Waukesha County. They do have a hunt that morning but that should not be an issue. The cost is 70-80 dollars to rent and we can bring our own food.

President Kindt asked if we would like to combine the Packer/Bear party with our Christmas party since the dates are so close together. A vote was taken and all agreed to combine the two activities.

Carl Karwacki stated he was going to check out the Valley Inn located on N. 40th and Clybourn to host the Packer/Bear game in December. This was an old District 3 hang out and where we used to have our meetings.

The location regarding where to have the December game will be tabled until the next meeting.....SO be ready to vote on this.

International and GLRC issues:

Not a lot to report, the highlights are the upcoming locations of the next GLRC's.

Spring 2014 GLRC will be in Erie Pennsylvania, 3-14-14 to 3-16-14.

Summer 2014 GLRC will be in Galesburg, Ill. This is there ten year anniversary and they want to make this special!! Dates of 8-22-14 to 8-24-14: The events will be at the Knoxville camp grounds. \$20/camper, \$10/tent with lots of kids activities a shuttle bus from hotel, large pool and waterpark...more details to come.

Spring 2015 GLRC will be in Canton Ohio, dates to be announced.

International meeting updates:

-Proposal 2013-0023: motion to donate \$1,000 to the Wounded Warrior Project. Motion passed. Conferences will now be given \$1K by the International for charitable donations.

-Proposal 2013-0024: request to have the international pay air fare for the founding fathers to attend the 2014 International. Tabled due to costs not being provided.

-Proposal 2013-0025: change the by-laws in section 5.03 regarding the terms of an officer. This motion failed.

-Proposal 2013-0026: Change bylaws Article VII, section 7.02 regarding International collecting the conference's dues. Failed.

-Proposal 2013-0008: Prior motion regarding outsourcing was withdrawn.

-At this time the audit committee is working on getting bids regarding the International books.

-Chappie Rich Bartley has been appointed as International Chaplin, Committee Chair.

Questions taken on any of the International updates from the floor? None.

Last thing on the International level: President Kindt donated \$50 (from the chapter) to the family of Jim Foley, the IL XI President who died on the first day of the International.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Brian Bortmess spoke on a badge design he and Michael Mihalovits have been putting together. Badges could be done at approximately \$140 per badge. Brian has previously sent an email out on the design for your review. A seven point star is what he has been looking at but it can be done in a shield style. If there is enough interest we will entertain a motion at the next meeting regarding the club paying for the set-up fee. Badges would be personalized with your name or nickname however you prefer. There will be no inventory on this item; we would take orders for them.

Whether we used our colors or the International seal in the middle we would need to get the International's approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:



Congratulations Robert McDermott!!

35 years as a Blue Knight!!

Continuedannouncements:

-40th Anniversary Cruise – FL XVIII

-BK European Tour 2014- Pat Fox

-Bleickardt's fall party (see attachment)

-Pigs ride (WI I) was this past weekend, hope you made it.

-Tomorrows Hope ride (WI II) Oct 13th

GOOD OF THE ORDER FROM THE FLOOR:

-Director Chuck Homa let us know that Blue Knight Ken Edwardson from WI II has more rings in stock.

-Danny O'Toole asks if you have a gun to sell to see him. Oct 12th & 13th there is a gun show in Fond Du Lac. He is willing to make you some money.

-Bob Barr stated he is not available for the Sept 25th dinner ride and Chuck Homa will be "heading" the pack. Please make a suggestion if you have one!! Looks like it will be.....Mineshaft!

-Bob Barr informed us that our rivet located at the Harley Davidson Museum has been replaced and moved! The new locations co-ordinates are 1EB9. This should be on the side facing the river between the Museum and the Menomonee River, and it is right in front of the Hill Climber Statue.

-Bob also spoke on an article that was previously in the Wall Street Journal regarding motorcycle clubs and fighting. DJ Alvarez was interviewed in this article.

Recently the article was reprinted in the Motorcycle Riders Magazine.

RIDES: I have received many photos and ride updates; here are some of the highlights:

Summer GLRC, Muncie IN. On August 13-15, twelve Knights from WI VI headed to Muncie to partake in the summer GLRC. Indiana I did an outstanding job! Everything was great. The parade & Fallen Hero Ceremony was an awesome ending!! Thank you.

P.S. Is it Dinning or Dining? (did you catch this?)



The dinner ride on 8-27-13, to Erv's Mug was attended by 16 WI VI members who enjoy a good dinner. Sorry no picture ☹ it was too dark.

August 28th – 31st several WI VI members participated in the HD 110 celebration by judging the police motorcycle competitions. This was my first time and it was lots of fun!

Enjoy the pictures below!!



THE GANG



THE RIDE BEHIND ME

Carl Karwacki and Jim Bagurdes attended the Fall MWRC, Sept 13-15th in Broken Arrow, OK. I'm told it was an 806 mile ride in 13 hours. Carl won the door prize!! ↓



SPEAK, HEAR, SEE...NOT 😊



Thankx to all who sent pictures of your rides. I hope to get them on a hard drive soon for all to enjoy. If possible can you label them so I don't lose track of what ride they are from.



HARD AT WORK!

Motion to close was made by Carl Karwacki at 0804 pm and second by Chuck Homa. Motion passed.

Fraternally,

Sandy (LTS) 316



ROLL CALL

Herman Kremkau
Kenn Ziebell
Chuck Homa
Steve Bzdusek
Bob Barr
Steve Schultz
Andre Bleickardt
Kristi Bleickardt
Danny O'Toole
Jim Bagurdes
Jerry Bolyard
Carl Karwacki
Bob McDermott
Ted Engelbart
Tom Listinsky
Jim Ortiz
Scott Wysocki
Steve Lesniewski
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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Patti Kindt, Sept 1

Sue Zube, Sept 2

James Dunn, 14

Kevin Porter, Sept 18

Dan Schmerse, Sept 22

Jim Peterson, Sept 25

Jim Kindt, Sept 28



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: **changes per
ride, due to construction**

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

-Tomorrow's Hope Fundraiser October 13
BK WI II (See flyer below)

-Bleickardt Fall Invitation: **See Attachment**

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

-Crying Towel @ Jesters 740 pm kick-off Nov 4
1500 N Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL
Crying Towel Round #2 Hosted by WI VI Dec 29
More information soon!

-2014 Spring GLRC March 14-16
Erie, PA (PA XVIII) See attached flyer

-2014 Pigs in the Smokies May 23-25
Hosted by Tennessee III (www.blueknightstn3.com)

-2014 International June 22 – 27
Waidring Austria [HTTP://BK-Convention2014.eu/](http://BK-Convention2014.eu/)

-2014 European Tour (see flyers) June 21-July 6
Escorted by Pat Fox, contact Pfox1@nycap.rr.com

-2014 Summer GLRC August 22-24
Galesburg, ILL XXXVI (details to come)

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

2015 Spring GLRC dates to be announced
Canton, OH

50/50 WINNER!!

Sandy Santoro

\$55 to house \$55 to ME!!

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY
OCTOBER 15, 2013, 7:00PM,
ALIOTO'S. SOCIAL HOUR STARTS
AT 6:00PM**

**IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD
LIKE ON THE AGENDA CONTACT ME
PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING**

**Check the International and
conference web sites for further
information and registration forms.**

?TRIVIA?

**Name the man in the middle.
First correct one to contact me wins a
dozen oatmeal raisin cookies!!
(BOARD MEMBERS EXCLUDED)**





BLUE KNIGHT

WISCONSIN CHAPTER II



11th Annual

Fundraiser - Fall Ride & Chili Feed

Date: Sunday, October 13, 2013

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.  Ravens game

Cost: \$15 per bike/driver

Plus: \$10 for a passenger

Location: Turner Hall

301 S. 4th St.

Watertown, WI 53094

2 or 4 Wheels WELCOME

Proceeds to Benefit

Tomorrow's Hope

Any questions and for more information call:

President - Bruce

(920) 674-3686

GLRC Spring Conference
March 14th – 16th 2014
Hosted by BK Pennsylvania XVIII

Last name: _____ First name _____

Street Address: _____

City, State/Province, Country and Zip _____

Spouse/Guest(s): _____

Email (for confirmation) _____

Registrations (all funds in US dollars)

Postmarked by 21 Feb 2014

\$ 65.00 /person Number _____ Subtotal Amt. _____

Postmarked after 21 Feb 2014

\$ 75.00 /person Number _____ Subtotal Amt. _____

Banquet & Saturday Hospitality Only

\$ 40.00 /person Number _____ Subtotal Amt. _____

Conference T's \$20.00 each or 2 for \$35.00

Number/Sizes _____ Med _____ Large _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____

(Example: 1 shirt-\$20, 2 shirts-\$35, 3 shirts- \$55, 4 shirts -\$70 etc.)

Total Amt. _____

Host Hotel: **The Avalon Hotel and Conference Center** – www.Avalonerie.com

16 West 10th St. Erie, PA 16501

814-459-2220 - Free parking and free hot breakfast with room rental

NOTE: ~~~ **All Room Reservations MUST be made through the Hotel front desk (no third parties) and you MUST ask for the Blue Knight Rate, Rate is in effect four days prior to and after the conference.**

Room Rates: \$80.00 /night for Kings and Doubles, \$105.00 /night for a Suite

MAIL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & T-SHIRT CHECKS TO:

LAKE ERIE BLUE KNIGHTS

P.O. BOX 8272

ERIE, PA 16506 (or) Payment may be made through Secure Server Pay-Pal

ATTENTION CANADIANS: Our bank will not accept foreign currency of any sort, so please use PayPal to register. Contact the host if you have any questions or need alternative methods of payment.

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