

Blue Knight September Meeting

The KC Metro Chapter of the Blue Knights met in the Bass Pro Dinning in Olathe, Kansas on September 16, 2013, at 7:00PM. At the meeting '14 members and guest were present. An evening supper was had and after enjoying good food and fellowship, the meeting was brought to order by Vice President Tim Hicks.

The first order of business for the evening was the nomination of officers for the next term. The officers will be elected next meeting and take office in November. The nominations were:

President: Rodney Phillips
Vice President: Tim Hicks
Secretary: Richard Gooch
Treasurer: Richard Weidemeyer
Road Captain: Open
Safety Officer : Stan Rogers
Sergeant at Arms: Dusty Wallace
Quartermaster: David Elliott
Social Director: Al Pearson

Additional nominations can be made by contacting The Treasurer, Richard Weidemeyer, who will put the names on the ballot.

Jane Hill reported that the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department PAL (Police Athletic League) has requested we assist in organizing a ride next year to benefit the PAL program. President Rodney Phillips and Jane Hill attended a meeting where they were advised they would like the Blue Knights to help plan the ride in terms of route and details. PAL is a good program helping kids. The ride will be held on June 8, 2014.

The Smithville Damn run will be held on September 29, 2013. The Damn Run is one of our charity events that we have worked for the last three years. We meet at the Quick Trip in Smithville at 6:00 AM and generally have a cup of coffee to warm up after what has customarily been a cool ride there. Kickstands up at 6:30AM for a group ride to the Smithville Damn Run Headquarters for a brief meeting. We always make the route ride to see if there are any differences in the route and then back to await the start for the run at 8:00AM. The event draws hundreds of runners from across the

area and is a good vehicle to get our image in front of the public, beside the fact a free breakfast and usually a t-shirt. Hope to see everyone there.

The Legends Parade of Heroes will held in Kansas City, Kansas on October 3, 2013. The parade will be held at the Legends in western Kansas City, Kansas at 6:00PM, on a Thursday night. It is free for the club to participate. Last year, the three members arrived at the parade only to be found that due to high winds and rather bad weather it was concealed.

Past President Mike Berry spoke about an incident that happened in the European country of Portugal. A group of Blue Knights met up with another police motorcycle club, The Blue Arm. A group of Hells Angels from Portugal confronted them demanding they take off their colors, which was done. The Angels then proceeded to start a confrontation. The police took the colors of all involved including the identifications of the police bikers. In Portugal, where police are unarmed, it is who has the most wins. He also discussed the show of force by Clay County Sheriff's Deputies at the Kearney Bike Rally this past month. Hundreds of bikers were stopped at check points on route to the rally. They had information that 1% clubs had planned to make a turf statements but nothing happened. According to "sources" no incidents happened. Mike also discussed the immediately past Midwest Regional Conference in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Road Captain Tim Smith had no report as such. He did say due to personal time restraints he would not be able to stand election as Road Captain this next term. His request was regrettably honored.

Treasurers Report by Richard Weidemeyer was we had money in the bank, **\$4614.48**. He further gave a report that all future conversations with the chapters and International will be through email. Each chapter will have to have their own email address, which KC Metro already has, kcmetrokb@yahoo.com. Richard reported at the Midwest Conference a new award, well an old award but renamed, will be given in honor of Pappy, a member from Oklahoma II. Pappy has won the oldest rider for years, but his year he was not present. He had fallen from a ladder and had broken multi bones making his presence unavoidable. In the future the award for the oldest rider to the conference will be known as the Pappy award. This year the oldest rider went to Harold Reed, KC Metro.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Richard Gooch.

A brief report was given on the Jamesport Ride a couple of weeks ago. The ride was led by Richard Weidemeyer through back roads that many didn't know existed, but a beautiful route and ride. Lunch was held in Jamesport. We had 18 motorcycles on the ride. Everyone had a good time.

The annual Heaven One Ride was a bit short of riders but a good time was had. We left the meeting spot and road to Atchison, Kansas and then to Leavenworth where we had lunch at Pullman's Place. A good ride and good lunch was had by all. The tradition is kept alive.

Tim Hicks made the announcement that flowers and cards been received from members and the Chapters on the passing of his mother. He thanked the membership and chapter.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2013. Remember this is a day meeting. The confirmed location will be announced.

Respectfully Submitted
Richard Gooch