

Blue Knights

Chapter New York III

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Attendees:

The following were present for the March 02, 2004 Membership meeting which was held at the Denny's Restaurant, Route 9, Poughkeepsie, N.Y (*This includes family and friends of our membership*):

J.J. Lynch, David McDonald, Bill Pomeroy, Kim Pomeroy, David Howard, Carl Raymo, Al Kenwood, Ray Davis, Cindy Davis, Tom Mazzola, Willie Hernandez, Bob Coletta, Sal Napolitano, Dan Casucci, Scott Butler, Joe Doherty, Tim McGuire, Bob Ferrigan, Richard Demarais, Anita Demarais, Elliot Velger and Chuck Tuttle. (*If I missed you, you forgot to sign the sign-in sheet!*) (*And yes, I know the secretary came late!!!!*)

Meeting Called to Order:

President Lynch called the meeting to order at 1910 hours. All stood for the Pledge of allegiance and remained standing for a moment of silence to honor the members of Heaven 1 and all of our Armed Forces.

Words of Thanks:

Bob Ferrigan said a thank you to all that sent cards and their condolences on the death of his mother-in-law. It was very thoughtful.

Scott Butler also said a thank you to all that called or sent cards during the time he was laid up with his injury. Scott has no plans on using that snow blower again anytime soon! It's still sitting in the shed where a neighbor put it. He mentioned something about strapping a block of C4 to the offending machine! Cover your ears if you see Scott heading for that shed!

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report-

A motion was made by Al Kenwood and seconded by Scott Butler to accept the minutes as written in the January Newsletter. Passed unanimously. There was no newsletter for February due to the cancellation of the meeting due to weather. President Lynch had cancelled that meeting, after conferring with Board members, due to the prediction of a severe ice storm for that evening. A good call by JJ and the board. It turned out to be a miserable night. Always better to be safe than sorry.

Treasurer Report-

The treasurer, Bill Pomeroy, presented a report on the club's finances. Motion to accept the report was made by Sal Napolitano and seconded by David McDonald. Passed Unanimously. A copy of this report can be obtained from the treasurer.

Quartermasters Report-

The quartermaster was not present.

EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST:

It was suggested an emergency contact list be made to enable prompt notification in case of meeting cancellations or other need. The membership list will be broken down by area and a phone tree-contact list will be established. The secretary will help establish this list. The webmaster will continue to make notifications via e-mail to our members who are able to receive it.

NEW QUARTERMASTER:

President Lynch requested that someone accept the position of Quartermaster. He said that he would not ask someone to do it or appoint someone to do it. It has to be manned by someone who wants to do the job. This is the only way to get the job done properly.

Ray Davis has stepped up and accepted the position of quartermaster for 2004!!!! Ray did a great job previously and is willing to take on the large responsibility of doing this job again. Ray has asked for a couple of volunteers to help him with the physical task of counting the inventory. We need to get a handle on what we have and what needs to be reordered. If you would like to help, reach out to Ray.

CLUB SALE ITEMS:

It was discussed at the last Board meeting that our sale item, the world pin with flags, is just not selling. Our chapter just doesn't sell a lot of stuff. This includes when we go out to conferences and also mail order. It might be time to consider putting some thing else out as our sales item(s).

President Lynch has observed that the one item that always sells at conferences is t-shirts that have a Blue Knights theme on them. Members mentioned that for years we made money on selling the pins. However, President Lynch points out that the pins are just not selling like they use to do. We are not getting any mail order(s) for our items. President Lynch is not saying that we have to give up on the pins totally, but we must do something else.

The directors believe that we can come up with another item that will sell and a decision on the pins can be made later. A number of items were mentioned as possible replacement sale items.

A three person committee has been put together to explore our options in this area. The chair of this committee is our Quartermaster Ray Davis. Chuck Tuttle, Sal Napolitano and Bob Ferrigan are the other members. They will look into a variety of sale items and designs and report back to the membership. **IF** you have any ideas, items or designs you would like to see considered please contact the above listed members. Do you know an artist or designer who would be willing to draw a picture for us? We have to hear your voice to make this club what you want it to be.

Bike Blessing Chairperson:

A **chairperson** has been named for our Bike Blessing. **Sal Napolitano** has taken on this huge responsibility. Thanks Sal! The NYIII bike blessing is scheduled for **05/02/04**. The location is the Pleasant Valley Park. This is the same location as last year. Cost for non-NYIII members will be \$13.00.

DUES:

Dues were sent to International. We should be getting our renewal package back in a week or two.

2004 Tri-State Conference:

If you are interested in attending the 2004 Tri-State conference in Seaside Heights, New Jersey President Lynch has application forms. It will be held on October 8th to October 11th. It will be held at the Hershey Motel. If you wish to book a room you must contact the Hotel separately from NJ XI. Registration deadline is September 27, 2004. Further details are available on our web site or the application form.

2004 International Convention:

The 2004 International convention will be held in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec on July 18th to July

22nd, 2004. If you are interested in attending, President Lynch has the registration form.

2005 Tri-State Conference:

We are considering co-sponsoring the **2005** Tri-State conference with NY18. This will be held during the Columbus Day weekend 2005. The event will span Friday night through Monday morning. Dave Howard expressed his reluctance to get involved until we know more about how much this will cost our chapter. President Lynch believes that there will be no cost to NYIII, but will gather the information together to present at a meeting and membership vote. This event is not till 2005, so we have some time to make our decision.

NY18 has a line on a hotel in the Suffren, New York area. We our asking our membership for any ideas or location in our area. The location would need to be able to handle approximately 150 to 200 people for that four-day weekend. The location will also need to handle a dinner-dance Saturday night, a banquet and at least two breakfasts or be near a location that can do so. If you have any ideas, please call or e-mail J.J.

RIDE COMMITTEE MEETING:

A motion was made to hold a ride committee meeting for 10 A.M. on **Saturday March 27th** at the Newburgh Denny's. Motion by Sal Napolitano, seconded by Bob Ferrigan. Passed unanimously. This meeting is open to all members and all are encouraged to attend. Have some input on what rides we will schedule for this year!

UNIFORM COMMITTEE REPORT:

A vote was held to decide what uniform we will use for conference uniform competitions. The winning choice was decided upon by a vote on the two choices as presented by the uniform committee. Can't give away to the whole world what we chose, you know how wily those competitions can be! So if you want to know what it is or are interested in putting one together for the competitions, contact JJ, Bob Ferrigan or Sal Napolitano.

NEW MEMBERS:

Tim McGuire, Ulster County Sheriff's Department and Dan Casucci, Uniondale Constable attended their first NYIII meeting. Two more events each and they will be eligible a for membership vote. Nice meeting you guys and I hope that you will keep coming to events. This is a great club and riding season is almost upon us.

MEET AND EAT:

The next meet and eat will be on Tuesday, March 16th at 7 p.m. The location is the Olive Garden in Poughkeepsie, New York.

50/50:

Elliot Velger was the winner of this month's 50/50 held at the end of the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Ferrigan and seconded by Scott Butler. Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 2005 hours.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Happy birthday wishes go out to the following members for March and April:

Pete Miller – March 4th
Steve Bekesy – March 8th
David Kaufman – March 9th
Gerry Fornino – March 15th
J.J. Lynch – March 15th
Sal Napolitano – March 16th
Al Kenwood – March 28th
Charles Zollo – March 29th
Keith Lipsey – March 31st
Deborah Prusack – April 5th
Arthur Mays – April 13th
George Lucente – April 15th
Fredric Ross – April 18th
Chuck Tuttle – April 25th

Upcoming Event Reminder:

March 16th – Meet and Eat at 7 P.M. at the Olive Garden, RT. 9, Poughkeepsie

March 27th - Annual Ride Schedule Meeting at 10 A.M. at Denny's in Newburgh

April 6th – Chapter meeting – NYIII - Directors at 6 P.M. – membership at 7 P.M. at Denny's in Poughkeepsie

April 20th – Dinner ride – *TBA*

April 25th – NYXI Bike Blessing – Woodbourne, N.Y. Pancake Breakfast and BBQ Lunch, registration at 9 A.M.

May 2nd – NY III Bike Blessing at Pleasant Valley Recreation Park

May 4th - Chapter meeting - NYIII – Directors at 6 P.M. – membership at 7 P.M. at Denny's in Poughkeepsie

MOTORCYCLE TIPS OF THE MONTH:

Winter is almost over and spring has started to show its face. Time to wake up your bike from its winter slumber. Many of our members have been riding for years and the spring wake up for their bikes is an old routine for them. However, for our newer members and novice bike owners here are a few helpful suggestions to start out your riding season on the right foot.

HOG members will be familiar with the acronym of “**TCLOCS**”. This acronym will cover all the basics of a spring wake up for your bike and get you off to a safe start for the riding season. Anyway, here's what it stands for:

T – Tires and wheels – Check your tires for tiny cracks. Are they inflated to the proper pressure? Check your owner's manual. Under inflated tires is the leading cause of tire failure. Rust on your rotors will usually be rubbed off after the first couple of hard stops. Don't oil your rotors or you'll be in for a rather exciting attempt at stopping when you apply your brakes.

C – Controls – Check your entire bike's controls including brakes throttle and clutch. Is anything sticking or loose? Tighten loose cables and lubricate all the pivot points.

L – Lights and electrical system – Check that all lights are operating properly. This includes checking your stop lamps and horn. Is your battery fully charged? If you didn't remove your battery for the winter you may have a dead battery.

O – Oil and fluids – check oil levels and coolant levels (if you have a water-cooled bike). Check brake fluid levels. Make sure all hoses are connected and not leaking. Do you have gas and is the fuel petcock turned to the on position?

C – Chassis - Check that the steering head moves freely and isn't loose. Check that the drive chain/belt are properly adjusted. Shaft drive should be checked for leaks. Check for rust on the body and clean up.

S – Side stands – Check it for cracks or bends and lubricate if necessary. Check side stand spring and side stand switch if you have one. Your side stand should always spring back up all the way and not partially hang down. Tighten if necessary

This is not an all-inclusive list, but should get you up going after a long winter rest. If other members have any additional suggestions let me know. I'll include them in next month's newsletter. Thanks to the HOG members who told me about this helpful acronym.

From the Secretary:

Hope you like the new birthday list and motorcycle tips columns. I don't have any listings for wives, children, friends, significant others or relatives. If you would like that they are included in future newsletters call me or e-mail me with the information and I will include them. If you have any good motorcycle tips that you want to see in the newsletter get them to me and I will include them and give you written credit for it. As in all things, the more input you give, the better it can become.

As Always,

Ride with Pride,
Dave McDonald, Secretary, NYIII