

Blue Knights

Chapter New York III

Newsletter

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Attendees:

The following were present for the September 07, 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, Al Kenwood, Willie Hernandez, Sal Napolitano, Elliott Velger, Carl Raymo, Debbie Raymo, Ray Davis, Cindy Davis, Lou Nazzaro, Keith Lipsey and Dave Kaufman. (*If I missed you, you forgot to sign the sign-in sheet!*)

Meeting Called to Order:

President Lynch called the meeting to order at 1911 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.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report-

Hoo Boy! There was no secretary's report. It seems that I needed a backup plan to the backup plan. Last month I was away on vacation and could not attend the August meeting. Carl had volunteered to do the August newsletter and minutes. However, personal business came up and he couldn't attend the meeting. Our VP Al Kenwood took the notes for the meeting. It seems that the notes were lost getting to Carl. A search is on for them and we will attempt to do report for that meeting in the near future.

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 Dave McDonald. Passed Unanimously. A copy of this report can be obtained from the treasurer.

Quartermasters Report-

The quartermaster, Ray Davis, presented his report. We have only 14 World Pins in stock. We have 3192 flag pins and 924 bar pins. Our cost for these items is \$8,105.72. We are also currently missing three of the new countries. We do not foresee any other club picking this up. President Lynch has said we must figure out some way to sell these items to re-coup our expenses. We will look into selling the flag pins (individual countries) on e-bay, back to the manufacturer or to collectors. It would cost the club another two to three thousand dollars to make the pin sets complete. This does not seem feasible at this time. If you can think of a way to help us re-coup our expenses on these items, please call J.J. His home number is 845-568-3369 or cell at 845-590-2453.

NEW BUISNESS:

The treasurer, Bill Pomeroy, was concerned over the club/and members' spending money for events that very few members are attending. This leads to the over-buying of foodstuffs etc. An example of this was our last picnic that had sparse attendance. A quantity of food was wasted and thrown away.

The following **motion** was proposed by Bill Pomeroy: At private club functions, (**Not** the Bike Blessing for example) at which the club will expend funds, we must have at least 20% of the membership committed to attending the event ten days prior to the event's scheduled date, or that event will be canceled. The chairperson for that event will be responsible for notifying the membership if the event is canceled. The motion was seconded by Al Kenwood. The motion was passed nine to three, one abstention. (Nay Votes - Lou Nazzaro, Dave Howard and Sal Napolitano. Abstention - J.J. Lynch.)

A **motion** was made by Lou Nazzaro to donate \$50.00 to the Washington Hollow Gun Club to thank them for their generosity in letting us use their facilities. Seconded by Keith Lipsey. Passed unanimously.

J.J. has announced that he has a source for embroidered doo-rags. These navy blue doo-rags are embroidered with "Blue Knights", "New York III", and an American Flag. They look great and are only \$12. Contact J.J. if you would like one.

50/50 RAFFLE 2004:

President Lynch requests that everyone participate in the 50/50 raffle this year. If everyone takes at least one book and sells one book it would help greatly. It can't be the same people each year contributing, we all need to participate. Help your club and be active. This is the major source of funds for the club to donate to charity. Sal Napolitano is running the 50/50. Sal asks if you have sold any tickets to turn them in to him.

Marlboro Crafts Fair

Sunday, October 3rd, is the annual craft fair on Rt. 9W in Marlboro at the former Country Crafts property adjacent to the Town of Marlborough Volunteer Ambulance Corps

building. The proceeds from the entrance fees benefit breast cancer research. The Marlborough Police Department will have a tent in the middle of the parking lot and our chapter of the Blue Knights will be responsible for manning it for the duration of the day starting at 0700 hours. We will fingerprint kids, hand out PD leaflets and generally do PR for the department. In exchange, we are allowed to sell our 50-50 raffle tickets. Please try and find some time to spend with us that day. Contact Bill Pomeroy and let him know when you can be there.

H.R.218

President Bush signed the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 into Law. This law will allow current and retired Law enforcement officers to carry a weapon concealed in any state. This will not preclude private property owners, State and Local government buildings and parks from restricting or prohibiting concealed weapons. Please check the web or your local State Police to see how this law applies to you.

Ride Schedule Change:

The fall foliage ride has been changed to October 17th. Meet at Simmons Plaza Diner, New Paltz at 9 A.M. Leave at 9:30, Lunch at P&G's New Paltz. (See Bill Pomeroy for additional details.)

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS:

Nominations for the clubs 2005 officers will occur at the October 5th meeting. Be there to nominate your choice for next years officers!

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 3rd - Crafts Fair, Marlboro
Oct 5th - General Meeting - at Denny's in Newburgh, 1900 Hours
Oct 9th- Oct 11th - Tri-State Conference - Seaside Heights, New Jersey
Oct 17th - Fall Foliage Ride

Meeting Adjourned:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave McDonald and seconded by Sal Napolitano. Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.

50/50:

Keith Lipsey was the winner of this month's 50/50 held at the end of the meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Happy birthday wishes go out to the following members for October and November:

October 6th - Ben Barela
October 17th - Steven Kaiser
October 19th - Mick Houser
October 23rd - Robert Johnston
October 24th - David McDonald
November 4th - Richard Pierce
November 14th - Edgar Burgos
November 18th - Robert Boyce

From the Secretary:

It's great to be back. My trip covered almost 6900 miles round trip across the North and Southwestern United States. What a beautiful country we have and there is no better way to see it than on a motorcycle!

We had a beautiful ride to Bear Mountain on the 19th of September. My thanks go out to Willie's friend Wilson Rosa (Eddie B's cousin). He helped lead us on a great tour of the Bear Mountain area. AT one point we had ten bikes in our group. This is the way a ride should be!!!!

Make sure you come out to the October 5th meeting. We will be accepting nominations for the 2005 Club officers. This is your chance to nominate the people you would like to run our club in 2005. Be there and be part of the process. As Always,

Ride with Pride,
Dave McDonald, Secretary, NYIII