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BLUE KNIGHTS FLORIDA XVII

February, 2012

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Bobby Baker/President

Our member, Jim Burgess, has made a large donation to the Blue Knights Special Fund in our Chapter name. Jim has been doing this for several years now. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Jim from Chapter XVII.

Our Treasurer, Scott Radtke, has been working very hard on the renewals, however, be aware if you have not paid yet you will be receiving an additional late fee.

Fred Patnode has been home for a while now, but I'm sure he would still appreciate calls and visits from us.

Don't forget the Spring SRC in Cocoa Beach. It sounds like they have planned lots of activities for us.

Remember, Ride with Pride and Ride Safe.





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We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Years. We start this year out hoping everyone knows our board members are open to any new ideas that can improve our club and possibly bring new ideas for the up and coming months. One of our goals this year is to see an improvement in the recruitment of new members. Bobby and I have talked, and we would be willing to visit our police departments in an effort to recruit new members. If anyone retired or actively employed knows of someone that might be interested please contact one of us.

The prayers of the Tilley's are with you.





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BLUE KNIGHTS CHAPTER XVII MEETING MINUTES

December 08, 2011

IHOP

4910 W. Spruce St.

Tampa, FL

Call to Order: Robert Baker: President

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Introduction of Executive Officers:

Present:

Robert Baker: President

Jim Tilley: Vice President

Scott Radtke: Treasurer

Jim Seibel: Secretary

Introduction of Board of Directors:

Present:

Dennis Deppert (Past President) absent

Don McLaughlin (Board Member) absent

Jim Maccini (Board Member)

Bruce Schmitt (Board Member)

Gary Johnson (Board Member) absent

Introduction of Staff:

Present:

Ron & Rosalie DiMento (Quartermasters)

Teresa Douthit (Ride Reporter)

Bruce Schmitt (Ride Captain)

Steve Emory (Webmaster)

Marie Edelmann (Sunshine Member) absent

Dan Boesswetter (Chaplain)

Dominick DeSiato (Safety Officer)

Jim Tilley (Newsletter)



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Absent:

Dennis Deppert (Past President)
Gary Johnson (Board Member)
Marie Edelmann (Sunshine Member)
Don McLaughlin (Board Member)

Guests:

Bert and Frank from C.O.P.S.
Tommy Sing

Secretary's Report (Jim Seibel):

Motion to accept minutes:

Dominick D.

Steve K.

Treasurer's Report:

Peter D.

Joe E.

V.I.P. guests

Bob and Connie Flanagan current and past International Presidents

Update from International

President Baker informed the Chapter that a past member by the name of Urban Dyer is not to be associating with Blue Knights due to being persona non grata member. If a chapter member comes in contact with him at a Chapter function please ask him to leave. If you don't feel comfortable doing so ask a Chapter Officer to do it for you.

Safety Presentation:

Dominick asked that with the up and down of the temps lately that everyone please be sure to check your air pressure in your bike tires.



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OLD BUSINESS:

- A. installation dinner on January 26th at Pappa's in Clearwater*
- B. Overnight trip to Punta Gorda on Feb. 11th and 12th to car museum*
- C. Spring Conference at Coco Beach*

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron D. said some shirts are on sale tonight

Bert and Frank presented the chapter with a plaque of appreciation for our contribution to C.O.P.S.

Please send any updated personal info to Jim Tilley or Jim Seibel so we can update any changes that you might have had in the past year or so.

The International Board of Governors sent a card to the Chapter that they had received a check for \$500 in the Chapters name from Jim Burgess for the Special Fund.



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Chatter from the Floor:

1. It was asked how many members might be going to bike week and if Chapter IX was doing any functions.
2. Dominick asked if any had been contacted by Insurance Company about the Insurance that we receive as members.
3. Tony S. suggested that the Chapter might do some programs that might encourage members to participate more.
4. International President Bob Flanagan presented the official visit award to Chapter President Baker.

RIDE CALENDAR (Bruce).

See ride calendar

50/50 Ticket Sales:

\$78 to winner

Next Meeting:

February 14th, 2012

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

1. Tony S.
2. Dan B.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Seibel, Secretary



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Your Safety Comes First

Two Up = Heads Up

by Jackie Vaughan



The person who occupies the back seat of a motorcycle has always been called the passenger. Now they're called co-riders and it isn't simply to be politically correct. The word passenger suggests a person who has no responsibilities for the operation of the machine; one who is simply along for the ride. A co-rider, on the other hand, shares some of the responsibilities for the safe operation of the motorcycle.

Sitting in the back seat means a lot more freedom to enjoy the scenery without worrying about the technical part of the ride. But with the freedom comes the responsibility. A co-rider does not have the right to bury herself in a book or to take a nap. A blanked out person on the back seat is of absolutely no help and may even be an additional danger if the ride has to brake or swerve suddenly. Her reflexive actions (such as to grab the rider wherever she can or to lean away) will probably be exactly the wrong ones.





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from

Dominick DeSiato

The co-rider should ride as exactly that, a co-rider. Not a passenger, but a second rider. While it is always preferable that the co-rider has had a motorcycle safety course, even the normal street skills used in everyday driving will help in spotting hazards. Being an extra pair of eyes for the rider doesn't mean being a back-seat nag. It means spotting hazards and knowing how the rider normally reacts and being ready to help in that effort. If the rider does not show that reaction, the co-rider should speak up. An experienced co-rider knows how hard her rider brakes during normal braking, and whether hard-line braking will be necessary. She prepares herself by holding the grab rails and bracing her feet. She does not slide forward, banging helmets and pushing the rider onto the tank. When she spots a pot hole or a large piece of rubber, she knows her rider will soon swerve, and she is prepared to let the bike move under her. She knows when it's OK to move around, and lets her rider know when she will make a move, such as scratching her ankle, which will affect the balance of the bike.

The rider also has the responsibility to communicate with his co-rider. He should let her know when a nasty bump is coming or if he wants to counterweight a turn. He shouldn't play "surprise" just because he finds her reactions funny.

Two-up riding is a team sport. And that means working together to make the ride fun and safe for both.



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Bruce's Place



February:

Breakfast ride every Saturday, 9am, Countryside Mall Sears Auto.

02-11-12 through 02-12-12

Chapter overnight ride to Muscle Car City Punta Gorda, 9am, QS&L 10400 49th St. N. Clearwater.

02-12-12 Chapter ride, 10am, BK.

02-23-12 Dinner ride to Duke's American Grill and Sports Brewery (aka The Brooksville Brewery)

1320 Commercial Way, Spring Hill 34606.

Meet at the restaurant between 7 and 7:30pm. For additional information, specials, and discount coupons see www.dukesamericangrill.com

02-26-12 Chapter ride, 10am, BK.

March:

Breakfast ride every Saturday, 9am, Countryside Mall Sears Auto.

03-04-12 Chapter ride, 10am, BK.

03-09-12 through 03-18-12 Bike Week Daytona Beach.

03-17-12 BK-FI IX's Chapter Charity Ride which includes full breakfast, scenic ride in the area, lunch, 50/50, door prizes, games, and give-a-ways. Registration 8am at the FOP Lodge #40, 471 Old Mission Rd. New Smyrna Beach. Cost \$20pp.

03-18-12 Chapter ride, 10am, BK.

03-22-12 Dinner ride to a Hillsborough County location.

Meet at the restaurant between 7 and 7:30pm.

03-31-12 Music and Motorcycles 4 - 9pm, downtown Zephyrhills.

*Be who you are and say what you feel,
because those who mind don't matter,
and those who matter don't mind.*

RWP and Safe.

Bruce





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Happy Birthday



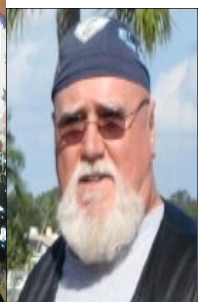
Rita	Myers	1-Feb
Bruce	Schmitt	8-Feb
Caron	Patnode	15-Feb
Daniel	Boesswe	19-Feb
Tom	Stein	22-Feb
Victor	Chiavetta	23-Feb
Verna	Walker	23-Feb
Nancy	Gerretz	25-Feb
Bruce	Graylow	28-Feb



Chapter
President



Chapter Vice
President



Chief
Photographer



Safety
Educator



Ride
Coordinator



Ride
Reporter