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BLUE KNIGHTS FLORIDA XVII

January, 2012

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Vice President: Jim Tilley
Secretary: Jim Seibel
Treasurer: Scott Radtke

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Gary Johnson
Jim Maccini
Bruce Schmitt
Don McLaughlin

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Chaplain - Dan Boesswetter
Jim Tilley - Newsletter Editor
Theresa Douthit - Ride Reporter
Bruce Schmitt - Ride Coordinator
Stephen Emery - Web Master
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From the President:

It is a new year; hoping everyone's holidays have been enjoyable. Joe E's family reunion (Christmas Party) was great; great food, great people and a great time were had by all. Many thanks to those who set it up, Joe & Marie, Gary Johnson, Dennis & Cheryl, Eric Meyers for cooking those delicious turkeys and everyone who brought food items. Thank all of you so much.

We will start the year with an Installation Dinner, Thursday, January 26th, 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Pappas, located at 2630 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd, Clearwater. Please check Bruce's email and let him or I know if you will be attending.

Bruce has set up an overnigher to Muscle Car City in Punta Gorda, Saturday, February 11th – Sunday February 12th. Please check Bruce' email for additional details. There are several members already committed to this ride, so the more the merrier. We are hoping to set up another overnigher around June.

DO NOT FORGET to register for the SRC Spring Conference in Cocoa Beach. Let's have a big chapter turn out.

I want to thank those officers and board members for a job well done these past 2 years. They stepped up and supported chapter XV11 when needed.

Finally, a safe and happy new year to all.





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From the Vice President:

I would just like to thank our out-going officers for the great job they've done for the organization. I hope we are able to live up to the high standards they have set for us. We will do our best to help the club grow and lend our assistance to all the members. We are open to any suggestions to improve our club and hope the following year will be filled with fun for everyone!

Thanks,
Jim Tilley





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BLUE KNIGHTS CHAPTER XVII MEETING MINUTES

December 08, 2011

IHOP

4910 W. Spruce St.

Tampa, FL

Call to Order: Dennis Deppert: President

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Introduction of Executive Officers:

Present:

Dennis Deppert: President
Joe Edelman: Vice President
Paul Griffin: Treasurer
Jim Seibel: Secretary

Introduction of Board of Directors:

Present:

Gary Johnson (Past President) absent
Don McLaughlin (Board Member) absent
Dominick DeSiato (Board Member) absent
Bruce Schmitt (Board Member)

Introduction of Staff:

Present:

Ron & Rosalie DiMento (Quartermasters)
Teresa Douthit (Ride Reporter)
Bruce Schmitt (Ride Captain)
Steve Emory (Webmaster) absent
Marie Edelman (Sunshine Member)
Dan Boesswetter (Chaplain)

Absent:

Steve Emory (Webmaster) absent
Gary Johnson (Past President)
Dominick DeSiato (Board Member)
Don McLaughlin (Board Member)

Guests:

Ken Quinn guest of Joe E.
Barbara Stevens guest of Mike B.
Tom Sing – First BK Honorary Member

Secretary's Report (Jim Seibel):

Motion to accept minutes:

Eric M.
Jim M.

Treasurer's Report (read by D.Deppert):

Dick K., Bobby B.



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V.I.P. Guests: None

Update from International: None

Safety Presentation: Deferred

Old Business:

A. 2012 chapter dues are due by Dec 31 – give to Bobby Baker and list of not paid yet was read to chapter to let those know they are due .

B. 2011 Christmas Party—December 18, 2011—Side dishes please call Marie E. with information. Gifts are \$15 minimum for exchange (no gag gifts please).

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring SRC April 19-22 2012 Coco Beach Fl.

Presentation of BK spouse card to Barbara Longo

Motion was presented by Peter D. to accept those members nominated previously as the new Chapter Officers and Board. It was accepted by 1st Ron D. and 2nd Eddy K. The Chapter voted yes on this motion. Then the Motion to allow the current President to cast a single vote to make it a unanimous vote for the chosen Members was 1st Bobby B. and 2nd by Joe E.

President Dennis Deppert cast his vote and those Members are now the future Officers and Board.

Executive Officers and Board Members that were voted on and accepted by the Chapter are:

Bobby Baker **President**

Jim Tilley **Vice President**

Scott Radtke **Treasurer**

Jim Seibel **Secretary**

Board Members:

Dennis Deppert **Past President**

Jim Maccini

Gary Johnson

Don McLaughlin

Bruce Schmitt

Chatter from the Floor:

RIDE CALENDAR (Bruce).

See ride calendar

50/50 Ticket Sales:

\$98 to Mary Lou B.

Next Meeting:

January 12th, 2012

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Dan

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Peter D.

Jim B.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Seibel, Secretary



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Your Safety Comes First

from

Dominick DeSiato



Officer Safety Bulletin

Please be aware of this product and the safety hazard this product may present

The G.I.I.T.E.M. Intelligence and Analysis Unit has been made aware of a potential officer safety issue involving the Ares Armor R.A.D. Pack (patents pending). This seemingly innocent looking backpack can be converted to an armored vest and weapons carrier in a matter of seconds. According to Ares Armor, this pack could be the next level of concealed weapons carry as it gives the wearer an unexpected advantage in many situations.

Please refer to YouTube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0FMspTizyU> for the entire video clip on this product design and concealment ability.

Also, see: <http://www.aresarmor.com/install/ecom-prodshow/RADPACK.html> for further information.

In researching this product, it was determined that the R.A.D. pack is designed and manufactured to maintain a low profile image. There is no military, law enforcement, nor tactical giveaways on the outside of the pack. Colors of the pack are very civilian friendly: Black, Black and Grey, Black and Blue, or Black and Red. The pack features a rear compartment, comparable to a normal book bag-sized pack that is fully separated from the plate panel and is designed for the storage of everyday items. Once opened, the front surface of the armor does have MOLLE (modular lightweight load-carrying equipment) fittings, allowing the wearer to attach a holster or pouch to store a weapon. The pockets are primarily designed to fit small, medium, and large SAPI (small arms protective insert) style plates, but soft armor options are also available. The pack is fully adjustable to accommodate different sized individuals.

A cable system is installed on the front of the right or left shoulder strap. This cable system keeps the front plate panel in place inside the pack. Once the cable is pulled, the plate can be pulled up and over the head in a matter of seconds, allowing for immediate protection and access to a chest mounted sidearm. It comes with a simple universal pistol holster that is attached via PALS (pouch attachment ladder system) webbing into the front plate panel. There is also PALS webbing covering the entire front of the carrier to allow whatever setup the user wants or to change out holsters.

Officers should remain aware that there is potential for this pack to be encountered on traffic stops, while responding to residences, or by those individuals or organizations involved in violent criminal activity.





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Bruce's Place

Monthly Ride Schedule brought to you by

Bruce Schmitt

January

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

01-01-12 Chapter ride, 10am, BK. Going to Harbor Lights Restaurant, County Road 439, Lake Panasoffkee.

01-06-12 through 01-08-12 Thunder by the Bay Motorcycle Festival, Sarasota.

01-12-12 through 01-15-12 Gibtown Bike Week, Showman's Club, 6915 River-view Dr. Riverview.

01-15-12 Chapter ride, 10am, BK.

01-26-12 2012/2013 Officer Installation Dinner. Pappas Ranch 2630 Gulf to Bay Blvd. (SR60 just east of Perkins) Clearwater. Meet at the restaurant between 7 and 7:30pm.

01-27-12 through 01-29-12 Motorcycle Expo Bike Builders Invitational, QS&L, 10400 49th St. N. Clearwater.

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, BK.

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

02-23-12 Dinner ride to a Hernando/Pasco County location. Meet at the restaurant between 7 and 7:30pm.

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





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Happy Birthday



Dennis Oliveria	01/06
Colleena Reese	01/07
Marilu Baker	01/10
Julio Caceres	01/11
Juan Santos	01/15
Richard Rutel	01/17
Patti Brem	01/19
Jim Tilley	01/20
Thomas McIntyre	01/23
Josie Santos	01/23
David Keefe	01/25
Stephen Emery	01/25
Mark Carlson	01/26
Tony Maisto	01/26
Scott Radtke	01/26
Joe Strammiello	01/27



Chapter President



Chapter Vice President



Chapter Photographer



Safety Educator



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Ride Reporter