



RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB - MINNESOTA CHAPTER 1

Meeting Minutes

August 03, 2008

Meeting Started 6:10PM at Bloomington Denny's

Next meeting: Oct 5, 2008 Bloomington Denny's (South Side of 494 @ France Ave)

Attendance

Gene Grueschow, Tim Smith, Lisa Vandermark, Dave Hammer, Matt Anderson

Old Business

- FYI – Jim Mueller mentioned that Stillwater is tagging motorcyclists for loud pipes, so be warned.
- No other MN clubs are planning a Grand Tour ride. If you didn't receive a pin from the last GT, check with Dave, he may have some still.
- New member recruitment. Members present were mostly from word of mouth. Mentioned contact Int'l to get a Member at Large list to invite them to MN1. Discussed Pres sending letter to area FDs with flyer to post.
- Website Updates. Ride calendar, vendor links, want ads, Evite link for rides, Outlook calendar invite (will not work with web based email accts), Ride pictures
- Club picnic discussion blossomed into a camping, picnic, Grand Tour, recruiting weekend event. Todd Schwartz suggested a campsite in Henderson, MN and he will contact Dave about Grand Tour options and possibly inviting other MN Chapters. Tentative date of Sept 12th -14th.
- 1st Sunday rides – looking for member volunteers to plan a ride starting from location of choice. Suggested starting July 13th as 1st Sunday is 4th of July weekend. Every-other month could be pre-meeting ride. Contact Gene if you want to host a ride and he can email the rest of the membership. ggrueschow@gmail.com

New Business

- Congratulations to Jim Mueller on his new job as Fire Chief in KS! (Your membership dues are still expected in December, Jim.) ☺
Good luck, you will be missed.
- Dave will check to see if he has any undistributed Grand Tour pins from a couple years back.
- 2009 Membership renewals will be due to Tim Smith no later than December 31st. Renewal forms will be sent out in October. Discussed possible late fees, but decided that members that are past the deadline for renewal will be subject to new member fees. It was discussed and voted unanimously to approve the dues schedule as follows:

- New Active or Associate member \$21
 - New and renewal Social member \$ 7
 - Renewal active or associate \$18
- Website updates can be sent to Dave Hammer, Webmaster. Dave will contact the web-hosting company to make sure we are getting the bill. A ride calendar is harder to program so we will stick with the current list form. Mentioned wanting a forum or want ads page or members only portion to post membership info. Dave will also check into adding links for president, VP, Treasurer, Secretary and Quartermaster email.
- A club picnic, camping and Grand Tour weekend is too much to plan at once. Matt and Dave will talk with Todd to see about coordinating a 13-station Grand Tour in the surrounding Mankato area. Date was tentatively set for Sept 13th with the 14th as a rain date. Details to follow at a later date and invites to neighboring chapters will be extended once planning is done.
- Tim mentioned that the Articles of Incorporation for the chapter were updated with the State of MN. This needs to be done annually.
- Gene requested anyone send updated email addresses to him ggrueschow@gmail.com
- IT'S AN ELECTION YEAR! Officers' elections will be held at December's meeting with nominations in October. It was discussed and agreed upon that officers will be compensated the next year's chapter dues for their service to the chapter. Hone those nomination speeches. ☺

Roundtable

President Report – Nothing to report

VP Report – Talked about Grand Tour options. Also mentioned broken web links on the website.

Treasurer Report – Club balance is \$612.71

Quartermaster Report –

- Current inventory list of quartermaster in stock items will be posted on the website, let Lisa know if you are interested in any of these items. lvandermark@gmail.com
- RKMN1 shirts are in stock!
- International wants an updated picture of the shirts with the Registered Trademark on them before putting our order form on their website. This will be updated soon.

Upcoming rides/events:

- Aug 15th – 17th – Rockies Rally – Hayward, WI
- Sat Aug 16th - [Memorial Motorcycle Poker Run](#) - Jordan, MN
- Sat Aug 16th - [Teen Challenge Freedom Ride](#) in Minneapolis, MN
- Aug 16th – 17th - [MS River Road Run](#), St. Paul, MN
- Aug 20th – 24th – [RK International Convention](#) – Sandusky, OH
 - If anyone is planning on attending. A letter from the Pres can be given to designate you as a delegate for voting purposes.
- Fri Aug 22nd - Tenth annual "[Governor's Fire Prevention Day](#)" at the MN State Fair
- Sat Aug 23rd - [3rd Annual MN Patriot Guard Remembrance Ride and Rally](#)
- Sat Aug 23rd - [Ride for Survival](#), Delano, MN

- Aug 29th - 31st - [6th annual Rally Up North](#), Brainerd, MN
- Sept 5th – 7th – [Davis Rally](#) – New Hampton, IA (THIS IS A MUST DO!)
- Sat Sept 13th – *TENATIVE* – RKMN1 Grand Tour
- Sat Sept 13th – [MN Zoo Ride 'n Roar](#), Apply Valley, MN
- Sat Sept 20th – [Fall Flood Run](#), Lake St Croix Beach, MN
- Sat Sept 20th – [Hammer'n the Highway for Habitat](#), Aitken, MN
- Sat Sept 20th – [Breast Cancer Awareness Ride](#), Elk River, MN

If you have anything you would like addressed at the next meeting, please email ggrueschow@gmail.com and I will add it to the next meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm