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So, far in 2026 we have had two MWRC members transfer to Heaven-I, Chris Boerner of MN-II and James Forshee of KS-V. To date in 2026, International is showing 26 members have transferred to Heaven-I. As we all age, we are losing more and more friends and members. Please keep these and all other Heaven-I members in your thoughts and prayers.

It's now spring, the grass is growing, its raining and we are having spring storms. I have had the motorcycle out a few times, including this morning when, I rode to lunch, and managed to get wet, when there was a zero percent chance of rain.

The Spring business meeting is about six weeks away. If you have not done so yet, it's time to get your hotel registration made and send your checks to the Iowa folks. I hope to see everyone in Oskaloosa in June.

The MWRC Fall Conference will be September 10th to the 13th, in Bellevue, NE, the host chapter in NE-II. Information and registration form is available on both MWRC web-page's.

This is the last issue of the Mid-Knight News that Wayne Schwartz will be our Web-Master Wayne is retiring in June and is shutting down the Conference Web-Page Chairman Luellen has been hard at work trying to find a replacement for Wayne and has managed to locate one. Tom has more information on that in his article. And, if you want a preview of the new webpage, you can go to <https://blueknightsmidwest.org/> to have a sneak peek.

Here is something that not many people know, Wayne Schwartz has been having some health issues and has been in the hospital, hopefully by the time this edition of the Mid-Knight News comes out, he will be out of the hospital and recovering.

I want to thank Wayne for all the time and effort he put into making the Mid-West web-page, into the award winner we all of come to know and love.

Rick



**From the M.W.R.C.
Chairman
Tom Luellen**

Good news dear readers, spring is upon us! On the plus side, riding is happening. On the negative, my white pickup truck hood seems to stay green with tree pollen no matter how often I wash it! But that's life, right?

Speaking of life, it seems to catch up with all of us eventually. A couple weeks ago, I attended Chris Boerner's funeral in Duluth, MN. Chris' brother Dan, wanted a Knight to speak during the service and, since no one thought they would be able to get through it, I was asked to speak. It was truly my honor as Chris was one of a kind, and I counted him as a friend. A fixture at Conferences, he will be missed. RWP in Heaven I, my friend. His loss also means I had to find a replacement as the State Representative for MN. I am happy to announce that, luckily for me, Larry Klink of MN IV accepted the post. Should you need to contact him, you can find Larry's email address under the Chapters tab on the MWRC website. I am glad to have Larry on board and have no doubt he will fill the post admirably. Thanks, Larry!

Speaking of the website (I seem to be on a theme here). I mentioned in the previous newsletter, that I needed someone to take over for Wayne Schwartz of MN - IV as the MWRC Webmaster. Thankfully, I had two members step up to the task. I am pleased to announce that Kristin Engle of MO - III has agreed to be our new Webmaster! In addition, Scott Slawson of MN - IV has agreed to be the backup / assistant Webmaster. Kristin has jumped in with both feet and been hard at work already. I've seen a draft of a new website and have to say it looks great! She has managed to bring a new look to our site while retaining all the information from the old site. I will be meeting with the board soon to decide when to pay for the new site, bring it online, and publish it to the membership. Stay tuned!



Speaking of riding (last time, I promise) my riding calendar is a little thinner than usual this spring as I'm saving all the pennies I can. There are four of us planning every biker's dream, the ride to Alaska, before ending up at International in Calgary, AB. This will, most likely, be a once in a lifetime adventure and I can't wait! I am also looking forward to the Business Meeting in Oskaloosa, IA in June and the Fall Conference in Omaha, NE in September. The chapters putting on these two events have a history of showing us a good time and I have no doubt they will again.

My virtual door is always open so please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns. Until we meet again,

RWP!

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From the M.W.R.C. FINALLY! It's SPRING! Let's ride!!!
Vice-Chairman
Mark Smoot

It's time to get that awesome machine out, shine it up, and hit the road to visit your brother's and sister's around the MWRC and the nation. This is another opportunity to spread the word about who and what we are. You can easily live the Blue Knights Creed, have fun, and be the example you want others to follow.



Kristie and I have already kicked off our fun 2026. We visited NE II for their annual Shamrock Shenanigans in March. The Iowa SIXERS enjoyed their March Lunch Ride. The SIXERS will also host our 9th annual Armed Forces Day Poker Run May 16th in Ottumwa, IA. If you're up for a ride, come join us.

Kristie and I are working out the schedule for KS III's Spring Fling. We will be at the RGC in May, we're co-hosting the MWRC Business Meeting in June, then

attending International in July, again co-hosting the Rye Ride (this time at Lake Okoboji in northern Iowa, IA IV area) in August, and the MWRC in September. We're also hoping to attend the SRC in Myrtle Beach in October. I'd love for you to join us at one, or all, of these.



Well, you win some and lose some. MWRC gained a new chapter and lost one. As you know, we gained KS IX, in Hiawatha, KS. And, we lost ND III. They tried but couldn't keep enough members to maintain their Chapter. If you know any potential members in their area, help them out. Maybe we can get their Chapter back.

On a positive note, John Dryden, in Manitoba, was invited to an RCMP conference to present on the Blue Knights. I coordinated with International so he could handout recruiting material. Hopefully, this will generate some interest. John has been working toward starting a new Manitoba Chapter and is getting really close.

One final thought before you kick off this season. We are a family organization. Let's consider the family when we host events. Maybe we can find a way to include the next generation of Blue Knights. Have fun doing what you love. Others who love the same things will take notice.

Ride With Pride and share the excitement!
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**From the M.W.R.C.
Interim
Secretary / Treasurer
Lloyd Youel**

Lloyd Youel, your Interim Secretary Treasurer here. It seems like we just finished the holiday season last week. I have received dues from a few of the chapters already. I am looking forward to the Business Meeting in Iowa that will be here next week (at the current way days are passing quickly). For those that haven't heard, Kansas - V lost a member that had been a Blue Knight for 16 years, please keep the family of Jim Forshee in your prayers. If you have questions about your dues, my cell phone number is 316-737-4942 and my email address is loyd.youel@gmail.com.

Ride with Pride,
Lloyd Youel
Interim Secretary



**From the M.W.R.C.
International Representative
Doug Casteel**

President Chris Boerner in March. Just a reminder that the application deadline for the Scholarships is May 15th, so get your students to apply for one of the five \$1,000 USD scholarships.

Since our last newsletter, I have represented you via Zoom at the February and April International Board of Directors (BOD) meetings as well as the funeral of MN II

Here are the highlights of the February meeting. While it may not look like much the meeting lasted 4 hours.

- Safety Officer Jim Jackson:** working on liability waivers. Tabled until the next meeting.
- Treasurer Brian Arnold:** the 2025 budget ended up being \$2,403.00 in the black. Motion to pay half of Joe Ball's high speed internet bill, which passed after discussion. I voted against it because it wasn't requested during the budget process.

NAVP Cal Ennals: is still working on the recruitment video. If your chapter has 100% retention, reach out to Cal so your chapter gets recognized.

President Russ Harper: Added additional members to the Convention Committee, Leonie Tromans, Myron Joseph, and Andres Hohendorf. Passed with me voting in favor. Create a Magazine Committee, Mike Fletcher, Glen Wheat, and Neil Hallham. Passed with me voting in favor.

BOG Chairman Mark Howard: No bids for the 2028 International Convention as of yet.
Office Manager Jana Clark: Working on renewals and just over half have been processed.

New Business:

1. Approval of International Honorary Members- Terry Pendelton- Passed, Christine Fulton- Passed, King Albert II- Passed, Joe Ball- Passed, Fred Noe- Passed, Kristin Gracy- 7 years, 9 nays, 1 abstention, with the motion failing. I abstained.
2. SRC Chairman Randy Hogland requested to address the BOD regarding a personnel matter, which was moved to executive session for a very long discussion.

Here are the highlights from the 4.25 hour April BOD meetings:

Chaplain Dan Walls – Invocation, sent out numerous Bike Blessing Stickers, started a group for widow, has been working to keep up the quality of the club chaplains.

Safety Officer Jim Jackson – Working on a Liability Waiver, working on a Group Ride Handbook. Conduct a safety brief prior to rides.

Webmaster Joe Ball – Renewal totals are posted on the website.

Magazine Committee Chair Mike Fletcher – added new member Axel Reibel. There will be a survey coming out later this week inquiring what if any changes you want in the magazine.

Convention Committee Myron Joseph – A new Convention Guideline was adopted. One big change is that it limits the amount of profit to \$5,000 USD, but excludes Voluntary Funds raised such as Raffles, Auctions and Charity Donations. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Brian Arnold – The first quarter financial report was sent out. The first quarter membership dues are down about \$89,000 from where they were this time last year. There was a new committee formed to explore a possible increase in dues, which will be chaired by Myron Joseph with members Mark Howard, Cal Ennals, Leonie Tormans, and Brian Arnold.

North American VP Cal Ennals – still has the 10,000 mile Straddle the Saddle patch program going. The membership total will be reported after Jana gets back from her vacation.

European VP Leonie Tormans – The UK&I has 910 members, and the EC has 2,430 members. The online applications still need to be updated to align with our current membership qualifications. Motion to stop putting addresses on membership cards and mailing rosters, due to security concerns. The motion passed unanimously.

President Russ Harper – A new parttime employee has been hired, Ashley Simon. There have been quite a few complaints and investigations lately, please focus on Peace and Harmony and remember this is a fraternal organization.

- An investigation of Election Irregularities in the NEC was assigned to PP Ellen Smit and PP Ronnie Young. After reviewing documents and audio recordings of the meetings that were available, they determined that there was no evidence to support the claim and the election should remain intact. After lengthy discussion the BOD directed the investigators to conduct additional interviews and report back with their findings.
- An investigation of issues involving CA X and the SWC was assigned to IR Mike Pollinger and IR Doug Casteel, due to 2 conference board members having complaints made against them and counter complaints. It involved 2 Article X Appeals, Election Irregularities, complaints of

Defamation, Harassment, Conduct Unbecoming, and a Pattern of Hostile Actions. Recommendations to return the Appeals to CA X for disposition were made. The other complaints were determined to be as a result of impassioned expression over the election process. A final recommendation was for the election to be redone, with the findings sent to all the parties involved as well as the SWC. The BOD accepted the finding of the report.

Scholarship Committee – There are five \$1000.00 USD scholarships available. The information is on the international website and the deadline for submissions is May 15th. The next BOD meeting will be on June 18th at 1100 EDT and the deadline for submissions is May 19th at 1600 EDT.

I you have questions or need help on something don't hesitate to reach out to me.
Ride with Pride,

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**From the M.W.R.C.
Web-Master
Wayne Schwartz**

Since this is my last posting on the website I just want to thank everyone for the 20+ years they have supported me with the website. Just a reminder that everyone has until the first of June to download and copy anything they want to save from the current website. I have enjoyed my time as webmaster but feel it is time to move on. Good luck to the new webmaster(s) as I am sure they will do a fine job.

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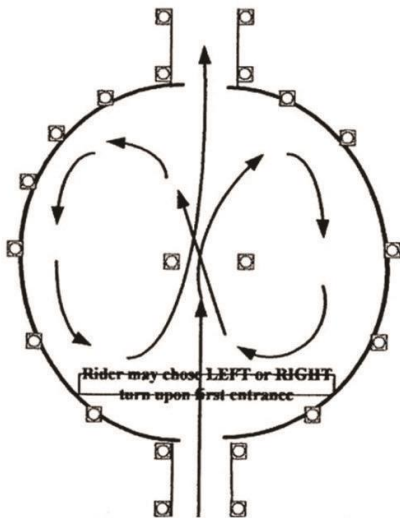
From the M.W.R.C. Safety Officer Scott Grabowski

out of storage.

That means it's time to do a good check of your (T-CLOCS), not just start it up, hop on and go.

Tires and brakes are probably the two most important items on your MC as far as safety goes. When the MC sits for long periods of time, the pressure will drop. Proper pressure not only makes handling more smoother, it also extends the life of your tires. Tire age is another item to check. If your tires are more than 5-7 years old, regardless of mileage, it's time to replace them.

“Metro”



How are your brake pads? Brake fluid? Brake pedal and lever? In my last riding class, a student showed up with 18 lbs of air in each tire and the front brake lever was snapped off, he said he didn't need a front brake. He was shown, on paper, the stopping distance with and without using the front brake, not sure if the importance of proper front brake use sunk in with this person, but he did comment how much nicer the MC handled with proper air in his tires.

Most members have been riding for many years without any incidents, don't get relaxed on safety, do a T-CLOCS check at least monthly and at a minimum do a walk around before every ride.

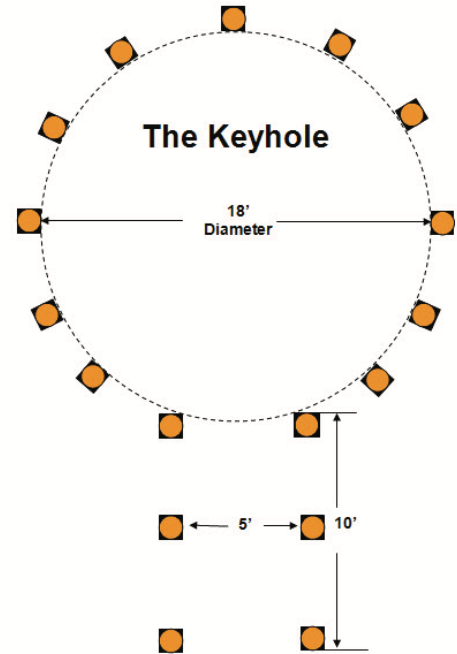
I also suggest taking a refresher riding class each spring, as riding skills slowly diminish over time if not used.

RWP, Ride Safe and Practice often.

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T-CLOCS

It's that time of the year again, well at least for most of us as we will be getting our MCs



Update on the Spring 2026 MWRC

“Is this Heaven? No, it’s Iowa.”

It’s almost time for the Spring Business Meeting of 2026. Ted is ready to ride to Oski!

The Iowa Chapters are teaming up to host the Spring 2026 MWRC Business Meeting June 12th and 13th, 2026 at the Fairfield Inn Oskaloosa, IA. Oskaloosa is affectionately referred to as Oski.

We have a room block at the Fairfield Inn, 641-676-7600. If that fills up, there is an overflow hotel (Everspring Inn & Suites 641-676-6000) across the road (about two blocks ride) that will match the host hotel’s price. Both hotels offer a free breakfast, and the room rate is \$110.00.



Of course, there will be a hospitality room with free snacks, beer, and pop (soda, for those further south). We request each Chapter represented, provide a bottle of your favorite local blend to stock the harder stuff in the hospitality room.

Across the parking lot is a multiplex called Trio. Trio has promised a few specials for us. They also have a restaurant and bar, and will donate a keg for consumption within their venue. As if that’s not enough, they also have two golf simulators, two tennis courts, and four pickle ball courts, and oh yeah, they have three movie theaters, too. They also offer an outdoor seating area which is normally non-smoking, but they have said we will be allowed to smoke cigars. If you forget your sticks, there’s a Smokin’ Hot (cigar/vape shop) about half-mile away.

If you don’t want to eat at Trio, there are several other restaurants in town. The PO Box is kind of like a speakeasy in the basement of a former post office. It’s a neat basement bar with good food. There are also several places on or near the square, including Taso’s (a family restaurant), a Mexican restaurant, and a BBQ place. There is a great little pizza spot and a variety of fast-food places. There is also a Smokey Row coffee shop in an old-style café, with a former bank vault turned into a bookstore, next door. There is also a satellite location of Jaarsma Bakery in Oski. The main store is in Pella (a Dutch style community about 20 miles north). You gotta try something from this place! We are working on getting special offers from these local venues.

Finally, we are planning a nice ride to show off southeast Iowa’s scenic byways. We have a route planned around Lake Red Rock with a lunch stop at the Rib Shack, a great BBQ spot.

With the combined effort of all four Iowa Chapters, we’ve managed to make this all possible for the amazing registration fee of \$30.00 per person! See the registration form on the MWRC webpage <https://www.blueknightsmwrc.com/events.html>



Come visit the Iowa crew again!

Ride With Pride...in IOWA
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Update on the Fall 2026 Conference

Nebraska - II will be hosting the Fall 2026 Conference in Omaha, Nebraska September 10th, 11th, and 12th, in conjunction with a celebration of our chapters 30th anniversary. We are working hard to put tother a fun weekend for you, we will plan to take you on some of the best rides the area has to offer, as well as self-guided ride suggestions. We plan on making sure you don't go hungry or thirsty and have some great outdoors space at the hotel for kicking back relaxing reconnecting or meeting new Blue Knights.



The event will be held at Courtyard Marriott Bellevue at Beardmore Event Center, the site offers many amenities including a pool, whirlpool, fitness center, as well as a restaurant on site. You can either call the front desk at 402-408-5300 and ask to book under the Blue Knights Mid-West Regional Conference Block or you can send them this links below.

<https://bit.ly/BlueKnightsMid-WestRegionalConference>

Room rates are \$110.00 plus tax for a king, and \$120.00 plus tax for double queen. Registration for this fun filled weekend will be \$160.00 per attendee, this includes 2 buffet breakfasts (Friday & Saturday), Friday night dinner of smoked brisket, ribs and sides. Saturday night banquet and possibly a lunch at one of the local Harley dealers (Friday or Saturday) two hospitality rooms, 22 oz Insulated tumbler, challenge chip and anniversary cup.

NE II is doing registrations and payment for the Fall Conference online. Use the link below to go to the NE II event page. This information can also be found on MWRC events page

<https://blueknightslemc.com/mwrc-fall-2026-conference>

Any questions contact Scott Altic by email at president@blueknightslemc.com

Mid-Knight News Requirements

The Mid-Knight News is published quarterly. The deadlines are January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, October 15th, with the projected publication being February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st.

Any member of the Blue Knights MWRC can submit an article for publication. However, the article must be sent from the Chapter Corporate e-mail. This ensures chapter approval of the article and its contents.

Articles should be submitted in MS "WORD" in Arial 12 - point with justified left and right margins. Please try to limit your article to one page. Photos may also be submitted, but please send them in a "jpeg" format.

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CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE

In order for a chapter to remain in good standing with the Conference, each chapter must pay dues of one dollar per member with a maximum of twenty-five to the Conference on an annual basis.

The dues must be paid before the chapter will be allowed to vote at the MWRC business meeting.

You can mail your dues to:

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Before each newsletter, I send out a request to each of the State Representatives asking them to send me an article for the Mid-Knight News.

Iowa Representative Dave Eyman

Nothing to report

Kansas Representative Jim Miller

I hope this finds everyone well. Riding season is finally upon us and it's going to be a great year! I don't have much to report on right now. I would like to thank everyone who came to the Kansas III 2026 Spring Fling.

"Ride With Pride"

Jim Miller
Kansas State Rep
Kansas III Past President

Minnesota Representative Larry Klink



First and foremost, I want to send my condolences to the Boerner family and MN-II for the loss of Chris. He fought a brave, heroic battle with the big C but it got him in the end. He is now in Heaven-I. I met Chris in the mid 80's when I first joined the Blue Knights, MN-II. There was no metro chapter at the time, so I traveled to Duluth for meetings when I could. He was so enthusiastic about the club that I couldn't help but be a part of it.



I transferred to MN-IV in late 1990 just after they had formed for a short stint. I regretfully dropped out when I was transferred from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, general investigations into narcotics, thinking that hanging out with police would blow my undercover status. I should have just kept paying my dues. Lesson learned. In 2010, I came back to MN-IV and have served as Secretary and President. I am the current immediate Past-President.

With the recommendation from our current President and MWRC Safety Officer, Scott Grabowski to MWRC Chairman, Tom Luellen, I was asked if I would take on the duties of Minnesota State Representative. I am humbled to have been asked. Although I will never be able to fill the shoes of Chris Boerner, I will give it my best try and accept the position.

When Chris had his accident with the ambulance in Illinois while returning from an MWRC Conference, I filled in for Chris as the Interim State Representative. For the short time in that position, I reached out to the other chapters in Minnesota to see how they operated and what we could do for them. I intend to reinitiate that and soon will contact chapter presidents in Minnesota. If any of the Minnesota Chapters wish to contact me, My phone is 612-791-0483 and my email is LUVNIT1800@COMCAST.NET.

Larry Klink
MN State Rep
Ride With Pride

Missouri Representative Don Tyes

There are several events planned on the trestleboard for the Conference this spring. First is the Kansas III Spring Fling in Lawrence, Kansas on April 24th – 25th, 2026, at the DoubleTree Hotel. Contact Kansas State Representative Jim Miller for details of the events they have planned. The Spring Fling will be followed by the Spring Midwest Business Meeting June 12th – 14th, 2026, at the Fairfield Inn, 2325 Coal Mine Loop, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Telephone number 641-676-7600. The registration form is available on the MWRC website. We hope to see you there.

The MWRC also has some fall events that should peak your interest. First is the MWRC Fall Conference, hosted by Nebraska II on September 10th, – 13th, 2026, at the Courtyard by Marriott Omaha Bellevue, 3750 Raynor Parkway, Bellevue, Nebraska. The telephone number is 402-408-5300. The Fall Conference will be followed on October 3rd, 2026, by the Missouri X, 14th Annual Fallen Officer's Memorial Ride. The Memorial Ride will be held again at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 3, 621, South 36th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri. Lets get together and again honor these fallen heroes.

Ride with Pride,
Donald Tyes, President MO X
Missouri State Representative

Nebraska Representative Frank Bergmark

Nebraska I is looking forward to getting together with South Dakota I at Chamberlain, SD May 1st and 2nd, for the Kentucky Derby Weekend ride. Anyone who wants to join us, we're staying at the Best Western in Chamberlain, ask for Leah Blue Knights have a room block. Looking forward to spring and hopefully riding again by fall.

Frank Bergmark
Nebraska I

North Dakota Representative

Nothing

Oklahoma Representative Tom Ashing

Nothing

South Dakota Representative Dave Thorsgaard

Happy spring everyone! The official riding season has finally arrived.

Our chapter has several “snow birds” that head to Texas, Arizona and other southern regions. This year has been so mild and dry it hardly seemed like they really need to.

We are several inches below normal for precipitation, as are so many other mid-western state’s but sure has been good for those that got to ride here at home.

In March, we held our annual Winter Blahs get-a-way in Deadwood, SD. Many arrived Friday afternoon and we spent the day getting caught up in each other happenings since we last met over a pot luck meal, We did things a bit differently this year, by holding our monthly meeting and having all our guests attend. I will say it was a very productive meeting with ideas and input from all at this meeting. After the meeting, we took the trolley down to Mustang Sally’s for lunch and a walk after with a little gambling on the way back to our rally point. No one came out a big winner but it was very enjoyable.

After returning to the hotel, we prepared for a corn hole tournament with Mike and Dara taking first place, Brian and Chewie taking second place and Jo and Kurt in third. After that we gathered around for a bit more food before we did our raffle drawings, lot of gifts to a lot of winners,

In may we will be meeting up with our brothers and sisters from NE 1 up in Chaberslain, SD for the annul gathering hosted by Frank Bergmack, along with the Kentucky Derby race with everyone having a horse in the race. Mimosa’s are usually there too. Dinner will be at a restaurant along the river, Frank is even planning a boat ride if weather permits.

May is also the South Dakota Fallen Officers Memorial. BK SD I will be there as part of the ceremony to honor all of those that sacrificed their lives for the people of South Dakota.

Some of us are looking forward to the business meeting, in June in Oskaloosa, Iowa, June will also be our annual Big Horns Run this year’s destination is Saratoga, Wy. This will be 4-day, 3-night event and we are hoping to have other Blue Knights from Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Nebraska join us as well as any other that would like to join us.

Lastly, I would like to pay my respects for Chris Boehner from MN. I only knew Chris for 6 years but he will always be there at our gatherings as Blue Knights. He was always pleasant, full of cheer and humor and I will never forget his uncanny wit. Rest in peace my friend.

Respectfully
Ride with Pride!
Dave Thorsgaard
MWRC State Representative
Blue Knights South Dakota 1

RYE RIDE II

Last year's Rye Ride was such a hit, we've decided to do it again. IA VI and NE II have asked IA IV to help create the Rye Ride II. With the assistance of IA IV, we are holding a casual gathering on Lake Okoboji, IA. August 28th – 30th, 2026. This is a BYOB event at the Village West Resort & Hotel in Spirit Lake IA, (712) 337-3223. This resort is owned by an IA IV member.

Lake Okoboji is a resort town and home of the former Polaris Motorcycles. There are numerous restaurants, bars, and amusement venues. The host hotel is on Lake Okoboji. Room rate is \$85.00 for a standard room or \$95.00 for an upgraded room.



We will meet up Friday for a social gathering. Saturday we will ride to Spencer, IA and tour Century Farms Distillery. Century Farms is known for using local corn and grains for blending their products. They also offer custom labels and barrel purchases.

Once we're finished at the distillery, we will return to the hotel to share more tales and enjoy our newfound beverages.

This event is open to all Blue Knights and family members. There is no registration or fee for joining us. All food and beverages are on your own. Get your room reserved and join us!

If you would please, RSVP to me so I can let the distillery know how many to expect.

Ride With Pride
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STANDING RULES FOR THE MWRC



1. Carrying firearms at MWRC events after consuming alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Event hosts are required to provide secure storage for firearms if requested by any attendee.

2. All members are entitled to make motions and participate in discussions during Conference meetings. However, only the President (or Regular Member appointed by the President) of each MWRC Chapter in good standing will be allowed to vote on items of business and candidates for office at Conference meetings. Any Chapter which has not paid its annual dues shall not be considered in good standing.



3. MWRC officers shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary / Treasurer, and International Representative. The officers shall serve two (2) year terms and shall be elected at the Fall Conference meeting during even numbered years. Candidates must declare (in writing) the office they seek to the MWRC Secretary / Treasurer prior to the adjournment of the Spring meeting of the election year. No later than August 1st of the election year the MWRC Secretary / Treasurer will provide the President of each MWRC Chapter with a list of the candidates for each office. This is meant to allow the Chapter President to confer with his membership prior to the voting.



4. Each Chapter in the MWRC shall pay annual dues to the Conference in the amount of \$1.00 (US) per chapter member, up to a maximum of \$25.00 (US) per year.



5. Bids to host MWRC conferences may be accepted up to two (2) years in advance.

6. All participants in parades or group rides, at any Blue Knights® Midwest Regional Conference event, must wear an approved motorcycle helmet.





7. The MWRC board will notify any active chapter within 50 miles prior to authorizing a charter to any new chapter, however final determination and approval will reside with the board