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Paul Briese,
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2015 has been a very busy year for BKNEII and its members. From saving lives to hosting the River City Police Motor Skills Training and Competition, and everything imaginable in between.

Several of our members were hospitalized for medical conditions, which were unrelated to riding accidents. They are expected to make a full recovery and be back riding with us soon.

As we head into the fall and winter months we still have plenty of events planned to keep members active and enjoying group functions. There is no reason for cabin fever! We will also be hosting the fall 2016 MWRC conference here in Omaha; more news will follow on this. Several members have already stepped up and are very busy planning this event to ensure a top notch conference for all in attendance.

Recruiting is on the rise, so I challenge all members to keep an eye out for possible new members. I also encourage everyone to talk to existing members that have not been as active in club business.

If you would like something published in our News Letter, please submit your items to Corey Clements, Jim Westcott, Jeff Fox, or Dave Smith.

Always remember "Ride with Pride" and stay safe this fall.

Paul Briese, President BKNEII

"RIDE WITH PRIDE"



Lt. Kurt Stroher, far right

Dillon Brothers Motorsports played host to the 3rd Annual River City Police Motor Skills Training and Competition on August 28 and 29. This year 32 Motor Officers from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri took part in a very challenging course.

Each officer had to maneuver through a course with cones placed marking the border. If any part of the motor unit even touched a cone, a penalty was added to their time.

The overall goal was to promote training and skill development that they can use on the actual streets.

"We use the same skills here we use out on the street," said Omaha Police Officer Mark Kiley. "We are constantly keeping our heads on a swivel, looking where we want to go, anticipating cars coming in our lane of travel, vehicles pulling into our lane of travel and being able to react within a seconds notice to take the correct evasive action to avoid an accident."

In the end there could be only one! This year's Top Gun Trophy and Three-Peat Champion went to Bellevue Police Lt. Kurt (Champ) Stroher. Kurt is also the Blue Knights Nebraska II's Safety Officer. Since BKNEII planned and designed the course, Kurt was excluded from all committee meetings and planning activities leading up to the event, to ensure a fair competition. Kurt announced that this would be his last competition, because he wants to take up an active role in the planning of the 4th annual competition scheduled for mid-August 2016.

In addition to the actual competition, BKNEII also served up food and drinks to the spectators and provided bounce houses to the children in attendance. The Omaha Police Mounted Patrol was also on location. The Omaha Police Helicopter (Able One) arrived to give the community an up close look at the resources available to ensure the safety of their communities!



Lt. Kurt Stroher putting his motor unit through its paces!

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Sturgis 75, Blue Knights at their BEST!

Although severely injured during an accident, a rider and his passenger are grateful that Blue Knights were only seconds away on August 1, 2015. The accident victims were traveling westbound on I-90, en route to Sturgis, when a vehicle traveling eastbound lost a tire from a trailer that was being towed. The rolling tire crossed the median and struck the westbound motorcycle, throwing both individuals into the ditch. Both individuals sustained serious and potentially life threatening injuries. BKNEII Vice President Corey Clements along with NE II Blue Knight Brothers Jim Elliott, Chris Lesley, Nick Prokosky, Jesse Godden, Blue Knights Iowa Sixers John Holmes, and Blue Knights Indiana X arrived seconds after the accident and took immediate lifesaving action. The quick thinking and actions of all members prevented this accident from becoming a fatality. While performing live saving aide to the most severely injured rider, other members quickly notified rescue services and attended to the second victim with serious but non-life threatening injuries. The first victim was transported via Life Flight to a local area trauma hospital and the second was transported via ambulance. Thanks to these Blue Knights being in the right place at the right time lives were saved!



**TEAMWORK, PROPER TRAINING, AND THE ABILITY
TO THINK UNDERPRESSURE
Saves lives!**

“RIDE WITH PRIDE”

Bushwackers Bar and Dance Hall 9/11 Tribute Concert



Bushwackers Bar and Dance Hall hosted BKNEII for a 9/11 Tribute Concert with country western singer Chad Lee as the headliner. Doors opened at 5pm and the band was going strong well after midnight. The night was filled with music, raffles, food, and of course lots of drinks. Chad Lee put on an awesome show and is a big supporter of Law Enforcement and First Responders. BKNEII raffled off a 2 night stay in the log cabin suite at the Regency Lodge in Omaha and also 50/50 raffle. The winner of the 50/50 raffle returned half of her winnings to BKNEII to be used towards one of the sponsored charities. The night was a great success. BKNEII raised over \$1500, to support programs such as our own sponsored Disabled American Veteran Shop with a Cop, First Responder Memorials, and Fallen Officer Family Support Funds.

2016 MWRC FALL CONFERENCE

BKNEII are the proud host of the 2016 MWRC Fall Conference to be held from Sept 8 thru Sept 11 in Omaha, Nebraska. The host hotel will be the Regency Lodge which is located on 107th Ave. The conference committee has been appointed by BKNEII President Paul Briese and they are already heavy into the planning. This is going to be the 20th Anniversary of BKNEII, so we are planning a big conference for all to enjoy and talk about for years to come. Registration forms can be downloaded from the MWRC webpage and hotel reservations can be made online, following the instructions also listed on the MWRC webpage. Register early and purchase your raffle tickets to win your room free for the conference. The room to be raffled off is not just a normal room! We'll upgrade you to the cabin suite! Livingroom, bedroom, in room jacuzzi, and fireplace are just a few items that are included in the cabin suite. Registration will include a buffet Friday night, banquet dinner and raffle Saturday night, numerous rides, activities, and tours. During your stay, breakfast is provided daily. We are also planning on having a night with dancing, drinks and food for those who want to get out and see different parts of Omaha.


Registration is \$75 prior to August 19, 2016 and \$85 thereafter. Room rates are \$79 per night.

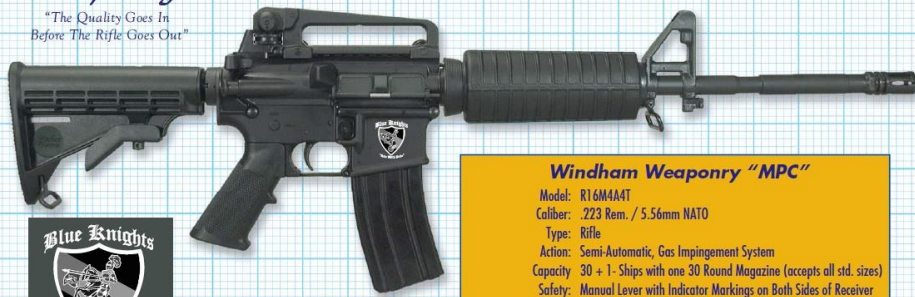
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Windham Arms Raffle

BKNEII will be raffling a Windham Arms AR-15 rifle with the International logo engraved. Tickets will be sold to all eligible Blue Knight Members at \$10.00 a piece. Tickets will be available for purchase online using PayPal. Winner will be announced on a date to be determined. Please look for updates to this. You don't want to miss out on this custom engraved rifle.

Winner is responsible for arranging an FFL transfer to their location.





Windham Weaponry "MPC"

Model: R16M4A4T
 Caliber: .223 Rem. / 5.56mm NATO
 Type: Rifle
 Action: Semi-Automatic, Gas Impingement System
 Capacity: 30 + 1 - Ships with one 30 Round Magazine (accepts all std. sizes)
 Safety: Manual Lever with Indicator Markings on Both Sides of Receiver
 Receiver: Flat Top Type Upper Receiver with Detachable Carry Handle
 Receiver Material: Forged 7075 T6 Aircraft Aluminum with Aluminum Trigger Guard
 Receiver Finish: Hardcoat Black Anodize Finish w. Blue KNights Laser Engraving
 Bolt Material: Carpenter 158 Steel
 Barrel: 16" M4 Profile, Chrome Lined with A2 Flash Suppressor
 Barrel Material: 4150 Chrome Moly Vanadium 1159SE Steel w. M4 Feed Ramps
 Rifling: 1 Turn in 9" - Right Hand Twist
 Stock: 6 Position Telescoping Butstock with Windham Weaponry Logo
 Forend / Pistol Grip: M4 Double Heat Shield Handguards / A2 Black Plastic Grip
 Rear Sight: A4 Dual Aperture Elevation & Windage Adjustable: 300 - 600 M
 Front Sight: Adjustable Height Square Post in A2 Standard Base
 Packaging: Hard Plastic Gun Case with Black Web Sling & Operators Manual

Specifications: Windham Weaponry "MPC"
 Weight: 6.85 Lbs. (without magazine)
 Length Overall: 36.125" (32.375" with Telescopic collapsed)

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Dates to Remember

October

23rd - BKNEII Lancer Hockey Fundraiser
 Ralston Arena, Ralston NE.

December

12th - BKNEII Christmas Party-Sinnetts
 Sandbar, Papillion

January

16th - Lt. Scott Lane's Retirement Party

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