

**-+*Blue Knights Texas VII
Business Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2010**

Meeting called to order @ 7:10 PM by Butch Blackmon. Instead of roll call had sign in sheet.

Neal Leonard gave an overview of the Rio Grande Conference that was held in Hot Springs, Arkansas in May.

RGC was formed in 1994 with less than 300 members, today it has 1,480 members; Texas has 47 chapters and Arkansas has 9. There were over 300 in attendance.

Elections for RGC Executive Board were held with the following results:

Chairman: Kenneth Reeves TX 21

Vice Chairman: Richard Cashell TX 34

Secretary: Gary Keeter AR 2

Treasurer: A.J. Sandoval TX 4

International Rep: D.J. Alvarez TX 33 – Winner Chuck Doran TX 2

RGC 2011 – Granbury, TX

Hosting Chapter TX 21 (Waxahachie) Conference will be held at the Comfort Suites in Granbury, TX, May 19-22, 2011. Check with TX 21 for registration information.

RGC 2012 – Waco, TX

Blue Knights International 2012 – Tyler, TX

DPS 75th Anniversary Motorcycle Ride July 25 – August 6, 2010

Neal Leonard gives overview of this historic ride event.

August 10, 2010, marks the 75th anniversary of the Texas Department of Public Safety, which was formed in 1935 by combining the Texas Rangers with motor officers of the State Highway Patrol. This ride will begin at the Austin Hdqs on July 25 and will proceed on a 13 day tour of the state with stops at each of the DPS Regional Hdqs.

Participation in this event is voluntary, traveling on your own motor, time and dime. The **\$50** entry fee (**non refundable**) entitles you to a ride t shirt and allows your participation in the entire or any part of the ride. The money made from this ride will go toward the building of a DPS Memorial and to the DPS Disability Fund. Participants must be a current/retired DPS or police agency employee or members of their family. All operators must be riding a currently registered and safety inspected motorcycle and have a current class M license. All participants must wear DOT approved helmets and must have submitted a completed application.

Contact Neal @ 281-831-0725 or Jude Schexnyder, Chief Inspector, Texas DPS for Application Forms and tentative Ride Schedule.

Ride For Life - Saturday, June 5, 2010 11:00 AM Stubbs Cycles

Butch Blackmon gives an overview of the ride with kickstands up at 12 Noon. Discussion and information from Jim Hudgens, Patrick Browning (President - Riders for the Cure) and Leslie Kiam. Thank Blue Knights for their continued support throughout the years.

Appreciation Dinner – Sunday June 6, 2010 9:00 AM Victoria, TX

Butch Blackmon gives an invitation to members to attend this appreciation dinner that is sponsored by the Wounded Warriors. Meet at Hwy 6 and 59 S at 9:00 AM to arrive in Victoria, TX by 1:00 PM.

Wounded Warrior Ride

Butch Blackmon gives an overview of meeting the soldiers and escorting them to the VFW in Victoria and then down to Port O'Connor for a weekend of fishing and fun. Numerous soldiers stated they love coming to Texas on these mini vacations because they are so well treated by everyone they meet.

Raffle Tickets - Tomball Pawn Shop See Butch Blackmon

Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 PM.

*Minutes taken/typed by Stefanie Leonard