



Blue Knights

New York Chapter II - "Da Bronx"

History

- International Est. 1974
- NYII Est. 1975
- Membership at this time is 83
- Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at MVPs (formerly Frenchy's), located at 3392 East Tremont Ave., at the corner of Bruckner Blvd.

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NYII News

January Meeting Minutes

Happy New Year!

The January 12, 2009 meeting was led by our Vice President, Curtis Whitehead because Eddie Cutinello was out sick with double pneumonia. We all wish Eddie a speedy recovery.

Vinny Doria is still recovering from a motorcycle accident. He is in Putnam Ridge, 46 Mount Ebo Road North, Brewster, NY 10509, room 218. Phone 845-278-3636 to chat with Vinny or make arrangements to stop in and visit.

We are starting a Bike Conversion Fund so Vinny can convert his bike to a trike. Once he is out of rehab, we would like to see him on the road riding with us again.

Dominic Jr. won the 50/50 and donated his winnings to start off the Bike Conversion fund. We will provide more information as we get it.

We are looking for advertisers for the 2009 Suicide Run Magazine. The back cover will be in color if anyone is interested in a full page color advertisement. We are still negotiating hotel rates at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in White Plains, NY for our Suicide Run on August 8th and 9th.

Club dues are now overdue. If you have Blue Knight license plates, you need to pay your dues before the motor vehicle department suspends your plates.

The next Blue Knight meeting will be held on February 9, 2009 at MVP's on East Tremont Avenue and Bruckner Expressway.

Noisy Cycle Law Put in Reverse

BY FRANK LOMBARDI
DAILY NEWS CITY HALL BUREAU
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A proposed city law that could let cops confiscate noisy motorcycles has been sent back to the legal shop for retooling.

The confiscation provision in a City Council bill drew a backlash of protest e-mails from motorcyclists and biker advocacy groups to the City Council members sponsoring it.

After the Daily News published an article on the bill last month, scores of bikers complained they were being singled out for harsh punishment. Why should motorcycles be seized for making noise, while cars and trucks are not, they asked.

The bikers picked up a potent ally in [Councilman Leroy Comrie \(D-Queens\)](#), the deputy majority leader, who pushed for changes in the legislation.

He said that most motorcyclists are law-abiding and shouldn't be penalized for the too-noisy few.

Comrie and [Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. \(D-Queens\)](#), who's Public Safety Committee has jurisdiction over the bill, said Tuesday that Council lawyers and staffers have conferred on the bill with motorcycle activists.

The bike confiscation provision is likely to be changed to make it applicable only after a third violation, rather than after a second, as in the original bill, said Vallone.

A vote had been expected this week, but it has now put off until a final version of the bill is produced and another public hearing is held, according to Vallone.

Backers of the original bill said many New Yorkers are fed up with improperly muffled motorcycles that disregard the 80-decibel limit in the city's noise code.

They said current enforcement methods haven't worked because they require cops to be present to hear the noise or to monitor it with noise meters.

Also, police officials testified that chasing noisy motorcycles poses public safety problems.

The bill would have allowed cops to ticket a stopped or parked motorcycle if it didn't bear a tag stating it meets noise-control standards set by the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#).

Motorcycles made after 1986 are required to bear the appropriate EPA tags at time of sale, and replacements parts are also required to have the right EPA tags.

Bikers contend that not all manufacturers use the EPA tags.

They also assert that loud pipes help save lives - theirs and those of other motorists and pedestrians.

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NYII Secretary's Corner

by John "JT" Torres

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Ride with Pride!



**We're the good
guys!**

The Blue Knights is a family oriented organization. Spouses and children often accompany our members to the various rides and functions.

**Among the Blue Knight
members**

*"There are no
strangers, only friends
you haven't met."*

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With
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Blue Knights International

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articles and suggestions**

In the spring of 1974, several law enforcement officers* from the Bangor, Maine (USA) area met and formed a small, local motorcycle club. The rest, as they say, is history. Soon, Blue Knight chapters were being formed in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and beyond. With the addition of Canada, and later Australia, the Blue Knights became an international organization.

*Our Founding Fathers are: Joel Rudom, Bill Robinson, Doug Miner, Ed Gallant, Mike Hall, Chuck Gesner, Wayne Labree, Chuck Shuman

As of July 2006, we have 572 chapters and over 19,000 members in 28 countries.

According to the By-Laws, our purposes and goals are to:

1. Provide for the mutual assistance, enjoyment, entertainment, education, physical, mental and social benefit of its members and the general public.
2. To promote and advance the sport of motorcycling and the safety of motorcycling.
3. To serve the interests of motorcycle owners and users.
4. To promote by example and any other acceptable means, safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles.
5. To develop a fraternal spirit between law enforcement personnel and the general public.

Many Blue Knights work long and hard to raise money for various charities. Especially near to our hearts is helping children. Make-a-Wish Foundation, Toys for Tots, D.A.R.E., and Concerns of Police Survivors are some examples of our favorites.

As of 30 September 2006 Blue Knights have donated to numerous charities; contributing time in the amount of 156,555 man hours.