

American Legion Riders  
Post 331  
Department of Indiana  
Brownsburg, Lincoln Unit

On June 21, 2011, the Unit meeting was called to order at 7:01pm at the American Legion Post 331. Butch Orr opened the meeting. Richard Huston (Sergeant at Arms) secured the room. There were 31 Members present.

Butch Orr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 288, the traditional POW/MIA chair was recognized.

Richard Huston led us in Prayer. He discussed the loss of 2 ALR Pendleton riders, Robert Warren and Janna Adams Warren over the weekend.

Butch Orr led the Riders Response.

Richard introduced Jason Weatherford and Bill Shepherd as Guests. The following members have transferred their membership from Avon to the Brownsburg Post: Lee Giles, Gary Fishel (Whiskey), Ray Hayes, Vance Bullock, Terri McFarland, Frank McFarland (Cowboy) and Steve Rainbolt. WELCOME!

Assistant Director Updates: (J.Ruble) – John is doing fine after his accident. He will have a bike to ride at Jerry's Ride next month!

Secretary Updates: (N.Day)

Frank McFarland (Cowboy) motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes since they were emailed to all members and a copy was passed out prior to the meeting. Scott Spaulding 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was passed.

Historian Updates: (N.Day) – nothing to discuss at this time.

Treasurers Report: (P.Orr) – Penny attended a meeting 6/20 with the Financial Officer along with officers from the other Units. A change is needed NOW on how we are spending and depositing our money per the IRS and the gaming commission. Because of this, all gaming money needs to be given to the Post and deposited into their account. She needs to determine what amounts have been raised (entry fees, raffles, gaming, etc) separate those funds to see what we currently have in our general account and how much is to be given to the post. There are questions on how to spend the gaming money. She will be meeting with Denny Manning (Post Financial Officer), Doug Ogle and the Post Accountant to tell her what she has to do from this point forward. At this point there is not a report to provide to the membership. She will have both reports next month. Richard Huston motion to waive the reading of the report due to current issues, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Scott Spaulding. Motion passed.

Event Coordinator: (P.Orr) – Penny was asked by SAL Commander (Steve Stewart) if we would like to do a duel dinner with them and do a monthly dinner, once a month (on a Friday night) during the summer. The Post is not doing any dinners, so we are able to use the big hall. This would be a great opportunity to get our funds up in the account. Richard Huston made a motion to host a Friday night dinner along with the SAL; Frank McFarland 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Discussion was made on sharing the dinner with other units. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Membership Director: (PugMan) – Dale mentioned we have received approximately 10 new (transferred members) and will be sharing the information on how to fill out a “New or Transferred” Member Form. There are several areas where information is required. The section that reads Registered Owner or Spouse/Passenger, one of these HAVE to be checked. Please fill out your name as RECRUITER if you are bringing in the new member if you want to be awarded your points for the recognition program. Please make note if paid by cash or check. Forms with the instructions and applications will be on the web and placed out in the Post by the ALR information boards.

Ride Coordinator Updates: (D.Day) – Doug shared safety information, this month it is regarding inspecting your tires, especially during the hot weather! This information is also available on the table along with event information. The Riders report is on the back of the agenda. Doug Day is in the running for the Rider of the Year with 246.5 points. 13 members & 1 guest attended the Patriot Flag Ride to Mooresville, 6 members rode in the Miracle Ride, 3 members attended the Indiana State HOG Rally, 36 members & 8 guests rode in “The Ride Home” for the Path Home. Great job to Richard who is given a letter of recognition! 6 members rode in the ALR State “closing of the books”, 4 members rode to Lucas Oil Raceway to support the ALR #76 Freedom Car, 27 members & 13 guests rode in the Ride for the Salute/Blue Star, and 7 members supported the Zionsville ALR Post 79 at their Burger/Brat night. The next event is this weekend “the State Rally” in Riley Indiana, leaving the post at 7:30am.

Chaplain Updates: (R.Huston) – Richard mentioned that 2 ALR members lost their lives Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Funeral arrangements will be on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> at Oaklawn Cemetery (86<sup>th</sup>/Allisonville Rd). Steve Rainbolt wanted to report a gift card was sent to John Ruble (apparently it worked). Graveside services for Robert Warren are 6/22/11 at 12pm at Gravel Lawn Cemetery in Fortville, and a memorial service will be conducted at the Pendleton Post 117 at 1pm. Services for Janna Adams Warren will be 10am 6/24/11 at Flanner & Buchanan Center-Oaklawn Memorial Gardens with visitation on 6/23/11 from 4 – 8pm with burial at Oaklawn Cemetery. Steve will be attending them at this time.

Communications Director Updates: (D.Ruble) – Douglas is adding a video tab so they can put the Steele Horse interview from The Ride Home and Blue Star on to it. He will also add the membership form under the membership tab as PDF so you can print it off. Reminder to membership new and old, the website is ALR331.com. E-mail any officers with ideas, calendar updates, comments or information by clicking on their address next to their photo.

#### Old Business:

1. Update on purchase of American Legion Post 331 Commemorative Brick for Jerry Ruble (John) – it has been purchased and is on its way!
2. Update on the brick for the Veteran’s Home in Indianapolis (Penny) – is on hold, they have not started making the bricks yet, so we will hold on to the funds until that time.
3. Update on Hoosier Fallen Hero Brick (D. Taylor) – needs a \$100.00 check to proceed, everything is ready to go. After accounting issue, we will get you the funds.
4. Update on ALR Post 331 Challenge Coin (D.Taylor) – he has printed up forms for prepayment/orders...will continue conversation in new business.
5. Update on the Donation button on the web-site is still on hold at this time.
6. Other old business – membership asked about patches being available for purchasing? John Ruble has them, and you can see him after the meeting.

### New Business:

1. ALR officer resignations/appointment of officer – Richard Huston’s chaplain resignation letter was accepted by the Director (Butch Orr) and the Director has appointed Steve Rainbolt as the new Chaplain. Steve Rainbolt has accepted the position! Welcome and Thank You!
2. September 26<sup>th</sup> (Monday) is our official birthday for the ALR Charter – any ideas? Possibly getting with Andy Hall at Tripps on the Rocks in Avon for a party celebration, or renting of sumo wrestling outfits. Butch is putting together a committee for the celebration. Birthday Committee consists of the following: Norm Bayliss, Mark Nichols, John Brunner, Debbie Witherington, and Merrill Brunner.
3. ALR Burger/Bug Run on Friday July 1 – anyone interested in participating in the event? See Doug Day after the meeting if you are interested. If this conflicts with the Friday night monthly dinner, the date of the ride will be moved. We will grill burgers at the shelter house, do the Bug Run and return to the Post.
4. Brownsburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade (Monday) – anyone interested in participating in the parade; then to either ride or travel by trailer. Truck will be provided by John Brunner and trailer will be provided by Steve Stewart and we could place a motorcycle on the trailer. We can decorate the trailer vs. the bikes over heating. Bikes are not allowed at the front of the parade; that is reserved for the Color Guard. The Post will be providing the candy this year for us to throw during the parade. The Post is also looking for volunteers to work the booth at the extravaganza. The sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board up front. Scott Spaulding motion to vote on doing the trailer for the parade, John Brunner 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Any discussion? The membership questioned if this is an either/or for the parade. This will be one way or the other. Butch is putting a Committee together consisting of: Penny Orr, Merrill Brunner, John Brunner, Butch Orr, and Terri McFarland. John will remove the lid to open up the back of his truck for more volunteers.
5. Prepaid Challenge Coin orders vs. chapter funds – Currently 41 coins have been requested by the membership to pre-order. Please fill out the order form and pay tonight or by July 21<sup>ST</sup>. Mike McClain motion to purchase 100 coins on an initial order with prepaid funds and the rest to come out of the ALR fund, Scott Spaulding 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Discussion by the membership: cost for pre-order will be set at \$5.00 and after that; the coins are to be purchased TBD. Bring in your forms with payment by the next meeting. Motion passed.
6. Other new business –
  - a.)Mike McClain was informing the membership that he has been contacted regarding a change in Resolution 32. Butch advised him to get with the Bylaws and Constitution committee to see if any changes need to be done. Butch also found that the part of continuing your membership due to injury or beyond their control. He was also voiced concern on who verifies the checking of the member’s motorcycle insurance and registration’s at the time of becoming a member. We do not police that, and it is stated on the form that they acknowledge that they have all that in place, to be legal. If we were to “police” this issue, then we would be directly responsible for their injuries. Mike McClain was concerned that someone could hit him or someone else and that they may not have any coverage. Penny Orr commented that we could check on someone’s insurance, but they could turn around and cancel it the very next day. As it stands, when a member signs the application they attest to the fact that they have a motorcycle license, insurance and registration with the state.
  - b.)Steve Stewart voiced his concern in regards to safety and trikes. Doug Day stated that this is in place and was discussed at the safety meeting. Trikes are to be at the back of the pack. Any others concerns or comments, please see Doug after the meeting. The next organized ride, this items will be discussed!

c.) Mike Parr brought up maybe organizing a ride to benefit Beth Reynolds. Maybe combine this with the anniversary ride or place it with one of the Friday night duel dinners.

#### Standing Committees Report:

##### **1. Signature Ride Committees**

- a. The Ride Home (Richard Huston) – 34 bikes attended. The Fred Ropkey Museum did an excellent job showing us around and sharing the history of his place, the Cabana Room helped us raise \$505.05, big thank you to them and the others who made donations, the Auxiliary who also cooked for the return home dinner and to the volunteers who helped out as well. We don't have a total at this time until the accounting stuff is resolved so we can present a check to Bob for the Path Home at the next meeting. Butch wanted to remind the membership to support the other posts for their rides. Zionsville Post has supported several of our past rides recently. A video of the Steele Horse segment with the interviews of our membership during our Ride Home was viewed.
- b. Jerry Ruble Memorial Run (2<sup>ND</sup> Annual, Douglas Ruble) – July 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a dinner at the Cabana Room where the proceeds will go towards the Run. The ride on July 9<sup>th</sup> will include breakfast (pancakes, bacon, sausage, milk, OJ, and lemonade) from 8-10am for \$ 5.00, registration from 9 – 10:30am, KSU at 11:01am. The route is similar to the one last year; going by cemetery, riding out in the country, stopping at Danville park for drinks and return to the Post for lunch along with raffles, etc. The price is \$15.00 rider/\$5.00 passenger which includes patch. If you already have a patch, you will receive a pin for each year you attend. The family is requesting that you wear a Hawaiian shirt in memory of Jerry Ruble, which was started at his employment at Eli Lily.
- c. Handicapable Ride (2<sup>nd</sup> Annual, Penny Orr) – We have already raised 1250.00 in cash donations, Steve Stewart has arranged a dinner at the Texas Roadhouse on July 14<sup>th</sup> (10% of dinner and bar tabs will proceed the ride). Cost is \$20.00 rider/\$10.00 per passenger which will include a cooler. Steve Stewart has picked up some great door prizes, Chinese auction items. We will be riding to Nashville, IN grab something to eat and we will be riding thru Bradford Woods and return to the post. The camp is September 9-11<sup>th</sup>. There are too many activities that weekend so we opted for the August 20<sup>th</sup> as our date for the ride.

#### Information for Good of the Order:

1. New ALR information boards were hung on the east wall of the game room. Check them out! Thank you to Doug Day for getting those as a donation.
2. ALR Chapter 331 Charter has been hung in the War Room.
3. Avon Post continues to have line dancing lessons at 6:30pm on Wednesday's at \$5.00 per person.
4. All Post 331 meeting is Monday, June 27 at 7:00pm.
5. No District 6 ALR meeting in July. Meetings will resume August 14<sup>th</sup> in Terre Haute.
6. John Ruble has been appointed District 6 Representative, Congrats!
7. State ALR meeting is Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. 2012 officer nominations, anyone interested? (Currently have 8 votes allowed) Please continue to wear your **WHITE** shirts to the meeting; which is only a suggestion.
8. Mr. Jerry Prevatt (Past Legion Commander) has been appointed by the E-Board as our ALR liaison to Post 331.
9. SAL is having a camp out at Lieber State Park, July 8-9<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested in joining them, there are 16 spots have been reserved.

10. Scott Smith, Marion Co, KIA Afghanistan, just remember those who are still there fighting and smelling gun powder as we speak.

**50/50 Raffle** was won by #766 by Merrill Brunner in the amount of \$33.00, of which \$66.00 was collected.

Next meeting will be conducted on July 19, 2011.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Scott Spaulding and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Penny Orr.

Respectfully,  
Nora Day  
Chapter Secretary