



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Now that that spring is upon us, we need to look at getting on our motorcycles and start riding again. Remember to contact another member and see if they would like to go for a ride with you. When you do take another member with you please contact me or one of the road captains and I will make sure you get credited for a group ride. This is counted as an event and each member needs to attend one meeting a year and an event.

I am going to try and make an Event and Ride list going again this year. This is for non-Blue Knight events/rides. If you have any information of something please get the information to me. Our chapter will be hosting the 2021 Spring Mason Dixon Conference Meeting, at 10 am, Sunday, May 30th, 2021 at Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg, WV. I will have more information below. We will not have the full weekend event just hosting the meeting.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 8th, 2021 will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. We will have pizza before the meeting.

I would encourage you to talk to someone that would be a great addition to our BK WV II membership that meet the requirements and plant a seed with them about becoming a BLUE KNIGHT. If you need a poster or other information about the Blue Knights let us know and we will get it to you. You can put it up at work or another agency. Invite them to go for a ride or come to one of our meetings.

Remember this club belongs to the members. We need to get out members active and involved with the chapter. Let's all get out and ride. Call another member and get riding.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 7 PM.

Respectfully,
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TREASURER'S NOTES:

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart and Ride with Pride. You are the faces of West Virginia II.
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Marty McNulty

Chapter Safety Officer

Riding season will soon be upon most of you, and with such, there are a few things to be mindful of when breaking out the two wheeled therapists. For some the bike may have been truly stored & winterized, which will make the beginning cycle a bit easier. Others simply park the bike & maybe look at it every so often. Then there are those of us that never really put them away. Regardless of which category you may fall into, take some time on one the yet to come colder days & spend a little time giving it the once over. Find yourself a chair or a 5-gallon bucket, get up close & personal.

Treat your steed to a thorough once-over. This includes a nut-and-bolt safety check, fluid changes for powertrain and brakes, a battery load test, and inspections of the chain/belt and sprockets, tires, spokes, brake pads, electrical systems, and fuel systems. None of this requires you to be an ASE certified Master Tech. Check out YouTube, Google, or folks with the same style of bike as yours for helpful pointers & step by step.

Take time to check your personal gear also. It's better to find out now that the holidays were a little too good to you than fighting with the zipper on your favorite riding jacket when you want to roll out on that early spring ride. Plastics degrade with time and use, so it's recommended to replace your helmet after five years. I would like to think you would then drape yourself in armored apparel and motorcycle-specific gloves and footwear. This doesn't mean becoming Captain Dork, but quality gear can enhance the enjoyment of the ride.

Above all else, when you do finally get out for a ride, remember that it's been a while since you've been on the bike. For some it may have been weeks-others months. There's going to be some rust & dust to knock off of the riding skills. Take your time & find your rhythm again. Take part in a skills workshop or find a parking lot to spend a little time practicing. Don't forget how the weather wreaks havoc on our riding surfaces. Cinders, salt, & potholes will abound as usual.

Whether disposing of miles in a group or burning the road solo, remember it's not always about the destination, enjoy the views, smells, & cob web clearing that our two wheeled passion affords us!

**Ride with Pride,
Walter Knight**

Road Captains

The weather is going crazy this year so if you are going to get the bike ready to ride please do your T-CLOCK and remember the debris that can still be on the road from the last snow treatment.

TCLOCK is an acronym that helps to cover the bike from stem to stern, for a quick inspection:

T- Tires and Wheels

- Tires- Check tread depth, wear and air pressure
- Wheels- See if any spokes are loose or if the rim is bent or cracked. See if it turns freely, but is not loose on the axle.

• **C- Control Levers**

- Inspect levers. Verify they are not bent or broken and move easily.
- Check cables for fraying and lubricate them.
- Check hoses for cracks, leaks, bulges and chaffed areas
- Make sure the throttle moves freely. Closes easily. Lube if needed.

• **L- Lights & Battery**

- Check that the battery terminals are clean and tight and that the electrolyte level is correct. Plus make sure the vent tube is hooked to the vent outlet and not kinked
- Check the turn signals and brake lights for proper operation. Make sure the lenses are not cracked or broken
- Headlight- Check for proper operation and alignment

• **O- Oil Levels**

Check engine oil level plus transmission and primary drive fluid levels

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C- Chassis

- Steering Head-Move handlebars back and forth to check for tight spots or binding.

- Hold the front brake and rock the bike front to back to check for any free play in the neck bearings.
- Suspension- Check the front forks and the rear shocks for smooth travel and right air pressure (If equipped)
- Belt- Check tension and visually inspect for any rocks or other objects stuck in it.
- Fasteners- Check for any loose nuts or bolts and tighten if needed
- **K- Kickstand**

Side stand- Check for ease of operation and spring action.

Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John “Spot” McCloud

Chaplain’s Corner

I was listening to a CD on “Mindfulness”, on which the speaker said that we live too much in the past and in the future and not enough in the present. He suggests that this is a major source of our anxiety and worries. He is not the first to make this observation. Isaiah relates the word of God to Israel in the 43rd chapter of his book: “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”

As I get older, I find it easier to focus on the past, to even think about the “good ole days.” I think about the major changes in our society, the diversity in our life styles, how technology is changing the ways we communicate and relate to one another, and I wish for a simpler time. But I know that we will never back up the clock, that things are not going to be like they used to be, and so I ask God how I can live with integrity in the world in which I find myself today. I know that God challenges me to focus on my present. I firmly believe that even in the craziness of this present world God is still capable of doing a new thing if I will be capable of “seeing it.” So yes, much of our anxiety is about wishing things to be as they once were.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus tells us not to be anxious about the future: “Do not be anxious about what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body what you shall put on.” He ends this section of the sermon with, “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s troubles be sufficient for the day.” I think of all the times in my life when I worried about a future event or issue that never developed. Not only did I spend the time worrying (which is bad for the body and soul), but I failed to spend the time in constructive ways. How many times have we worried about a weather event that never developed?

The fact that Jesus lived in the present helped Him be sensitive to the need of others as well as to himself. He recognized when He was tired and needed to get away to be alone to pray or to go fishing with his disciples. The next time I find myself trying to bring the past back or worrying about what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, or even next year, I think I am going to pray about it and then go fishing with my friends.

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

Since quartermasters' have changed, the two members are still getting things exchanged. As soon as the exchange is completed you will be able to purchase items by contacting Brother Rene Noe or stopping by clubhouse and having one of the staff to help you. We are hoping this will be completed by the din of March.

Rene Noe
Quartermaster

Joke for the Day

I didn't realize how bad of a driver I was until my sat nav said, "In 400 feet, do a slight right, stop, and let me out."

MDC Safety Officer

Committee Reports/From Membership

2021 Spring MDC Conference:

Brother Martin talked with MDC Chairman Ronnie Young in reference to still hosting only the Spring MDC Meeting on Sunday morning, May 30th, 2021 at 10 AM. Since the Governor of WV has changed the guidelines for gatherings. Brother Martin told Brother Young that WV II would host the meeting. Brother Martin made contact with Mark Wilt at Village Square Conference Center in Clarksburg and Mr. Wilt advised that we can use one of their ballrooms to have the meeting. Brother Young advised that normally there are about 15 to 18 chapters represented at the meetings and about 12 members of the conference board that attend, that would be the Executive Board and State Reps. So, we would be looking at around 50 members at the meeting. Brother Martin has made arrangements with the Best Western Bridgeport Hotel and he obtained a discount at the rate of \$79.00 plus tax per night, for anyone attending that would want to come in on Saturday. More information in next months newsletter.

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Heaven I Ride:

Brother Knight and Brother Martin has changed the Heaven I Ride a little. The committee has decided to do it in two (2) different rides to cut down on the length of the ride over all. They have decided to stop by Brother Boreing's graveside on the Flight 93 Run. The cemetery is on the route to the memorial so this would not be out of the way. This will save about three (3) off the original run. We will do the New Martinsville cemetery for Brother Smith, eat at Quinet's Restaurant in New Martinsville and then return to the Clarksburg cemeteries and then end at the clubhouse where we started and maybe have dinner. This would be about 3 hours and 30 minutes of riding time. When you add in the stops at the cemetery and lunch that would be about another 2 hours. So, we would be looking for the total time involved about 5 to 6 hours. We would not be riding more then about an hour at a time. The plan is to not use the 4 lanes more than necessary.

UP COMING EVENTS

March

2021 GLRC Spring Meeting: March 19 -21, 2021, hosted by OH XVII & OH XXV. Holiday Inn®, 4520 Everhard Road NW, Canton, OH 44718; Room Rate: \$109 or a Studio Suite for \$129 (Includes breakfast for two) (330) 494-2770. Ask for "Blue Knights" block of rooms. We have a 50-roomblock. Must be booked by February 25, 2021. Home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. It is only \$65 per person for those registering before March 1st, you will receive an event pin. \$70 for those registering late and no guarantee of an event pin. Children under age 12 attend at no cost but if they are to attend the banquet a kid's meal ticket must be purchased for \$14. Hotel rate applies to Thursday March 18th as well. T-Shirts available on pre-order basis by March 1st only. P.S.: You're almost guaranteed a door prize! 100+

March 21, 2021 at 1 PM, Charleston, WV Capital. ABATE of WV Helmet Law Change Rally. We need EVERYONE possible to attend. Come and show our Representatives we want CHANGE! This state is losing MILLIONS of dollars of tourism money!

March 27, 2021: Blue Knights West Virginia II chapter Lunch at Noon. FOP Restaurant, 14422 Buckhannon Pike, Nutter Fort, WV. Please contact Ed Martin at 304-622-0135 or bkwv2@aol.com and let him know if you can make it.

April

SRC Spring 2021 Conference: April 22 – 24, 2021; Hosted by LAXV, Shreveport - Bossier City, LA. SRC Rumble on the Red Tour. Conference Registration: \$75 per person/\$150 per couple, \$85/\$170 after March 25, 2021. Conference Hotel: Sam's Town Casino and Hotel, 315 Clyde Fant Memorial Pkwy, Shreveport, LA 71101. Host Chapter Contact Information: Blue Knights LAXV, P.O. Box 52491, Shreveport, LA 71135. Chapter Email: blueknightslaxv@yahoo.com. President: Duane Farquhar - 318-510-0122 or Secretary: Bill Vincent: - 318-773-4707

May

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021 AT 9 AM. Wishing Well Run 3. Event by [Annie's Smiles Philippi Covered Bridge](#)., Our 3rd Annual Bike Poker Chip Run, starting from Philippi, Stopping at Cool Springs, Our Lady of The Pines, Seneca Rocks, and The American Legion in Elkins before returning to Philippi. First out at 10am....Last in by 5 pm. \$20 per bike, \$10 per rider, early registration receives a free special event T-Shirt. Door Prizes, 50/50, Auctions, Food. Proceeds to Benefit, Annie Smiles Foundation, in their mission for special needs Children! Ride thru some of West Virginia's most Scenic areas and enjoy a day of being, " in the wind", and helping special needs children and their families.

May 23, 2021 Ride for Mavrick: Location is Luzaders 3 Girls Diner, 53 Mid Mountain Lanes, Sutton, WV 26601. Donation are \$10.00 per rider and \$10.00 per passenger. All proceeds to benefit Mavrick to help cover his medical expenses. Registration starts at 10 AM, Kickstands up at Noon.

****2021 Spring MDC Meeting Sunday May 30th, 2021**, Hosted by West Virginia II. The chapter will be hosting the Spring MDC Meeting at Village Square Conference Center. This is for the MDC Meeting only. This is not the weekend event.

June

Heaven I Ride: Saturday, June 12th, 2021. The ride will start at the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245

Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. We will ride to visit most of our members that have transferred to Heaven I. This will be a daylong event lasting for about 7 hours or more depending on the stops. Basically, it will start at the Blue Knights Clubhouse and travel to at least 3 cemeteries and then back to the Blue Knights Clubhouse. It looks like about 160 miles and about 5 hours driving time. With putting flags on the graves and gas stops plus food stops, it will be about 6 to 7 hours. With doing it in mid-June there should not be a problem with daylight.

July

2ND Annual Promise Ride, July 11th 2021; to benefit the Mountaineer Military Museum in Weston West Virginia. Ride sponsored by the Bikers for Christ, the Chrome Dragons Riding Club and the Forged Alliance Riding Club.

July 13, 2021; Chapter Ride to Cass, WV.

2021 Summer Bash: (PENDING) July 28 – Aug 1, 2021, Chesapeake, VA, Hosted by VA V. Delta by Marriott, 725 Woodlake Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23320. Room are \$109.00 per night and registration for event is \$109.00 per person.

Blue Ride, Sunday, July 25, 2021; Hosted by PA XVI. Registration will be at North Strabane Twp. Volunteer Fire Department on Rt19 Canonsburg PA from 9am to 11 am, and we will depart promptly at 11:30.

August

August 14, 2021; Blue Knights West Virginia II chapter ride to Quinet's Restaurant, New Martinsville, WV.

September

2021 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, Sept 3 - 6, 2021. Hosted by VA II, Best Western Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253, room rate is \$90.00 per night; Blue Knights Virginia – II, P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. This will be the 44st Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823 or VA2@blueknights.org.

SRC Fall 2021 Conference: September 30 - October 3, 2021, hosted by GA XI. Unicoi State Park & Lodge, 1788 Highway 356, Helen, GA 30545. Conference registrations made after **September 1st, 2020** will be \$80 per member/\$150 per couple. Group room rates start at **\$109** per night plus tax and fees. There are also special rates for Barrels and Cabins located nearby. The group rate is available two days before and after the event dates. To book by phone, call **800-573-9659**. You must mention the **Blue Knights** and use the new 2021 **Group Code 09594**.

October

November

Harrison County Toy Run: November 28, 2021 at South Harrison High School, Lost Creek, WV. Lineup before 12:30 pm. Kickstands up at 1 PM.

December

2021 West Virginia II, Friday, December 10th, 2021, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm. Ballroom A.

Sick - Ill or in Distress: Brother Stevens' significant other, Rebecca Green just had surgery and is at home recovering.

Drawing: April drawing will be worth \$10.00.

Members in attendance:

Members in Attendance: Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Fred LePera, Marty McNulty, Doug Baker, Randy Biggins, Don Wikert, Ron Watson and Terry Queen.

On Zoom: Scott Hunt, Mike Neely and Ed Martin.

Next Meeting Location

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 7 PM.

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2021 Spring Mason Dixon Conference Meeting

Hosted by WEST VIRGINIA II

May 30th, 2021 at 10 AM

West Virginia II will be hosting the 2021 Spring Mason Dixon Conference. This is just the meeting only. It is not the weekend event.

MDC MEETING: SUNDAY 10:00 AM at the Village Square Conference Center, 1489 Milford Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

INFORMATION: West Virginia II has acquired a venue for the Spring Mason Dixon Conference May meeting. We have worked out a deal to have folks who are traveling stay at the Best Western-Bridgeport with a \$79 rate (*call direct and tell them you are Blue Knight Conference*). We are also planning a simple "hospitality" night (chips, pretzels, nuts, etc.) at our chapter clubhouse with a shuttle being offered back/forth on Saturday night. We will have some of our members and/or a police escort from the hotel to the meeting location which will be about 6 miles away at the Village Square Conference Center, 1489 Milford Street, Clarksburg, WV. This will be a Saturday evening/Sunday morning only event with **NO registration and all meals will be "ON YOUR OWN"**. The MDC meeting will start at 10:00 am on Sunday, May 30th. Since there is no registration, Ed is asking for those who plan to attend to please send him a simple email, BKWV2@aol.com This will help with securing the proper number of rooms, and proper planning for Saturday evening.

Hotel: (CALL DIRECT FOR RESERVATIONS)

Best Western Bridgeport, 100 Lodgeville Road, Bridgeport, WV. 26330.

(304) 842-5411 (Call Direct) Tell them you are making reservation for Blue Knights Conference.

Please email Ed Martin to let him know you are attending the meeting.

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