



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

The 2022 Spring Mason Dixon Conference will be, 10 AM, Sunday, May 27th, 28th and 29th, 2022 at the Holiday Inn Express, 50 Martin Street, Elkins, WV. I am requesting that we have members assist with this event on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with making this a successful event. We will be hosting a simple hospitality room for members traveling and the hospitality room will be open from about 6 pm until about 10 pm.

Please read through your newsletter and check out the event calendar. We have several events that our members should try and attend. We are also hoping to have rides in June that will help get people more involved in the chapter.

Our manager at the clubhouse was able to sell \$4,000.00 of raffle tickets for WVU Children's Hospital and at the meeting the chapter decided to match that fund. We will be donating \$8,000.00 to the WVU Children's Hospital. The next time you are at the clubhouse thank the Donna and the Staff.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Advised about the Car Show for Heart Camp on June 4th, 2022. Would like to get several members to ride to Cedar Lake in Ripley on Friday, July 22 to show the kids the bikes.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 9th, 2022 at 7 PM.

Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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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

Watch out for the stop bar and arrows on road at intersections. Most are vinyl and not paint and are very slick when wet.

Ride with Pride,

Walter Knight

Road Captains

Watch for construction and pot holes. DOH is still out in force attempting to fill in the pot holes and all the state has new construction in progress.

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

Chaplain’s Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

Brother Noe with riding season approaching now is the time to get some new shirts, hats etc. Items are at the clubhouse. If you need something contact me or one of the staff at the clubhouse. We have some new hoodies in stock. Got some new upper, lower rockers and center logo patches.

Rene Noe

Joke for the Day

One fine summer’s evening, Paddy, Mick and Liam are riding back home from the bar, all three of them on Paddy’s motorcycle. Of course, they get stopped by a cop who says to them, “This motorcycle is only licensed to carry two people, and there are three of you. One of you will have to get off and walk.” “Three of us?” says Paddy as he turns to Mick. “Jeez, what happened to Rory and Niall?”

INT’L/MDC Safety Officer

10 Things to Do when riding Motorcycles in a Group

1. Be prepared when you arrive at the ride starting point.

2. Know what Hand Signals you are going to use or be prepared to compare and use the other riders hand signals.
3. Conduct a Safety Brief before the ride.
4. Select an experienced rider to lead the ride and another experienced rider in the rear.
5. Keep your group size manageable. You may have more riders (or a larger group) on the interstate and smaller groups in town or in heavier traffic.
6. Staggered formations are always best because they allow more room for bikes and trikes can fall into the formation anywhere.
7. Watch out for each other during a ride. Make sure everyone is drinking enough water, not forgetting their medications or when they might need a break.
8. Have plan if someone breaks down or needs to stop. The entire group does not need to pull over, block traffic and cause a hazard. Designate a rider in the rear to stop and check on the person that stopped.
9. Have a plan if someone needs to leave the group while enroute. If you or someone is leaving the group early, have a plan on how to signal that you are leaving the group, so everyone knows.
10. Don't let the group ride at a higher level than the new riders and don't forget that the large touring bikes may have a lot more range than smaller or sport bikes. You may need to ride slower and stop more frequently depending on your group.

Wherever you ride, plan a safe trip & keep your loved ones posted.

Robert (Bud) Overby

252-717-2857

Mason Dixon Safety Officer

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Ride Safe, Ride Often & Ride with Pride!

From Membership

On Thursday, April 28th, Blue Knights WV II members Wm LePera and guests and T.R. Queen and guests took a 140-mile loop that included stops in Buckhannon, Helvetia and Coalton.

LePera and guests, Brian Vincin and Todd Miller, along with T.R. Queen and guests, Ethan Kesling and Larry & Phyllis Payton met in Quiet Dell. From there the group traveled to Sheetz in Buckhannon, WV for the first stop.

From Sheetz, the group traveled South on W Rt 20 to the WV Wildlife Center in French Creek. There we left Rt 20 and headed toward the community of Helvetia. In Helvetia, we enjoyed lunch with the German Flair at the Hutte', pronounced "hoo-tay".

After lunch we traveled through the communities of Adolph, Mabie and then a final stop near Coalton. By that time the group had only three bikes left, so we returned to Quiet Dell via US 33 and I-79. All in all, a great day was had by all.

UP COMING EVENTS

2022 Events

May

Moonshine Road Trip

May 19 – 22, 2022; In preparation for the trip, I strongly recommend that you watch the NETFLIX movie LAWLESS which is based on a true story of the Bondurant Brothers from Franklin County, Virginia. To this day Franklin County is considered "The Wettest County in the World". Also search the internet on the Bondurant Brothers and Junior Johnson from Wilkes County, North Carolina. Johnson's "moonshine running" lead to the birth of NASCAR. Wilkes County, NC is considered "The Moonshine Capital of the

World". Remember the song "Tom Dooley"... he too was from Wilkes County, NC. and was tried, convicted and hanged for murdering Laura Foster. So, you can see this is going to be a great ride.

Here is a possible itinerary (not etched in stone):

- Leave Harrison County on May 19th ride through Elkins/Monterey/Staunton and get the Blue Ridge Parkway... this is about 200 miles
- Ride 120+ miles on the Blue Ridge to the Rocky Mount, VA exit and do a brief stop at Rocky Mount the area where the Bondurant Brothers was from. (50 miles)
- Ride another 50 miles to Wilkesboro, NC where Junior Johnson, the Call Family and a few others made and ran their moonshine. Possible overnighter here.
- Visit some of the attractions including the Call Family Distillery and ride some of the moonshine runner roads. End up at the Junior Johnson Distillery in Madison, NC. Maybe (150 miles).
- From there head back north stopping at the Bondurant Brothers Distillery in Chase City, Virginia. (100 miles).
- Head Home on Sunday by riding through Lewisburg, WV. (350 miles)

Note: Not sure where we will overnight... will leave that up to the group as we ride along. Let me know if you are interested and I'll set up a pre-ride get to gather.

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2022 Mason Dixon Conference/Wild & Wonderful Knights; Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. May 27th – 29th, 2022. FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 50 Martin St, Elkins, WV, call 304-630-2266; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE BLUE KNIGHTS GROUP, Rooms \$125.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$75.00 per person before May 1st, 2018, and \$90.00 after May 1st.

June

2022 Summer Bash: June 1st – 5th, 2022, 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 \$129.00 per person. (AFTER MAY 22ND ADD \$10.00 PER PERSON)

September

2022 MDC Fall Conference/46th Annual Blue Ridge Rally; Culpeper, VA, Sept 2 - 5, 2022. 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 46st Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Dan Rivard 703-314-1012 or VA2@blueknights.org.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: Brother Ryan is doing better after surgery.

Brother Robinson got an all clear on his tests. Brother Stevens has a virus of some type.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, June 9th, 2022 at 19:00 hours.

Drawing: May drawing is \$65.00. New member William Chedester's name was drawn but he was not present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing.

June drawing will be \$70.00.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain: Brother Watson

Father, we again thank you for blessing this meeting. Father, we ask that as we depart and venture our separate ways that as you have blessed us as a group that you continue to lend to us individually the guidance of Jesus in our travel and everyday endeavors and life's challenges. May the guidance of Jesus keep us prosperous, peaceful and safe as Jesus is our Lord and savior, it's in his name we pray. Thank you, all merciful and heavenly father. Amen

Motion for adjournment.

Motion by Sister Martin; 2ND BY Brother Wikert; Motion Passed.

Members in Attendance: Fred LePera, Randy Biggins, Doug Baker, Walter Knight, Don Wikert, Ron Watson, Chuck Luzader, Jim Enoch, Ethel Tyler, Marty McNulty, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

Guest: Brandi Knight

On Facebook: Mike Neely, Sherry Hunt, Chuckie Diaz, Pam Poisson, Keith Lipsey, Kelli-anne Robinson, Johnny John, Fred Mason, Larry Bailey, Susie Enoch, and Tammy McNulty.

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