



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I have set up with the Mason Dixon Conference to host the 2021 Spring Mason Dixon Conference Meeting, 10 AM, Sunday, May 30th, 2021 at the Village Square Conference Center in Clarksburg, WV. I am requesting that we have members assist with making this a successful event. We will need to have a few people to help transport members from the hotel to the conference center on Saturday night. We will be hosting a simple hospitality room for members traveling from other states and also help at 9 am on Sunday morning to get members from the hotel to the meeting if they need a ride. Sunday morning will be a police escort from the hotel to the conference center.

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 having to rides in June that will take up the whole weekend. We have the Heaven I ride and then the Flight 93 Ride.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 13th, 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.

We are working on a few rides for the chapter such as ride to Flight 93, which we will meet up with a couple of PA chapters. Ride to Cass Railroad for a good all-day ride. It will be up to each

member if they want to ride the train. If so, we will need to leave early enough for us to get there before it pulls out. If you have any ideas for a ride just let me or the road captains know.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

To the membership of Blue Knights WV II Kelli and I hope this finds all of you in good health n spirits?

Due to my medical I have recently sold my Harley and bass boat but I still have my trike. Kelli has recently come down with exact same medical but on her left side, and mine on my right side.

I am asking the Blue Knights WV II membership:

A. Due to our medical condition, for our safety on the roadway and others can I maintain my membership if I need to sell our trike. We can make conferences by car; I am worried about what we can and cannot due on a Trike. I thank you all for your consideration in allowing me to maintain my membership without a Trike for medical and safety reasons

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 13th, 2021 at 7 PM.

Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

All information has been sent to our CPA for filing our taxes.

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

A Motorcycle First Aid Kit has Special Needs

An ordinary first aid kit just won't cut it. The types of common injuries that motorcyclists may experience need a special balance of first aid supplies. It is important to know the purpose of and how to use every item in your [motorcycle first aid/trauma kit](#)– otherwise it's just taking up valuable space.

Injuries a motorcycle rider might incur:

- [Burns](#) – [sunburn](#) and heat burns from exhaust pipes and other hot motorcycle parts.
- [Eye injuries](#) – things flying or blowing into the eyes and Insect bites or stings.
- [Cuts](#), abrasions and scrapes – usually from hitting the road (literally).
- Fractures, bleeding, possible amputation
- Trauma to the head, neck, spine, chest and abdomen (Box of Life).

Here's a [Motorcycle First Aid Kit Checklist](#):

- A good compact first aid book or cheat sheet (ASM PACT Card).
- Nitrile gloves – No less than 2 pair – more is better!
- Anti-microbial Hand Cleaner – Waterless is preferred with at least 60% alcohol.
- Sting Relief & Burn Gel.
- Band-Aids: A variety of shapes and sizes for small cuts and scrapes. Antibiotic ointment packets
- Steri-strips or Butterfly bandages, Adhesive Sutures- used to pull a small gaping [cut](#) or wound together.
- Minimum 4 large (4×4) Sterile Gauze Pads – For Hint: paper towels in a zip-lock baggie can be used for clean up – save the sterile dressings for when you need them!
- Rescue Breathing
- Emergency Blanket – For retaining body heat that can be used as a reflector for rain and ground cover.
- Normal sterile saline with a squirt tip for irrigating – this doubles as an [eye](#) wash or [wound cleansing](#).
- Instant Cold Pack(s) – They are single use so if you have space, grab a couple for your kit. The larger size works better.
- [Burn](#) cream or gel (some have lidocaine for pain)- Aloe Vera aids in healing, pain relief, has anti-inflammation properties.
- Glow Stick(s) – High intensity emergency glow stick for directing traffic or signaling for help. Consider Green, Yellow & Red so they can be used for triage!
- Heavy Duty Zip-lock Bags – Uses: disposal of used and contaminated gauze, gloves and dressings.
- Other medication – Pack the travel size or sample packets: Anti-diarrhea tablets, Anti-acid, Antihistamine (like Benadryl or Claritin), pain relievers, Electrolytes.
- Triangular Bandage – For [slings](#), padding, strapping limbs to splints when [fractures](#) are suspected.
- Trauma shears – 7 inch Paramedic Shear – smaller one's just don't cut it! You will need to be able to cut through leather. You will not want to move a person to remove clothing – if

there is [heavy bleeding](#) you will need to cut through the leathers & other clothing. Use caution as you are using the shears since they can cut through unintended items.

- 1 or 2 rolls of 2” or 3” roll gauze.
- Tweezers: Easy-to-grip handles for splinter removal and other first aid procedures.

Other things to consider when putting together a [Motorcycle First Aid Kit](#):

- Look for soft-sided waterproof zipper cases. Consider packing items in separate strong zip-lock bags. The reason is you will need to stuff all these items into a small bag -as mentioned above- it is very useful to use one bag for each ‘type’ of item such as gauze in one bag, medication in another and medical tools (scissors and tweezers) in another. Then when you pull out the items from the main bag they do not all tumble out onto the ground. This will not instill confidence in the person you might be helping.
- Become familiar with what is in your kit and inspect the contents routinely. Make sure your kit is not buried in a saddle bag & preferably is on the non-traffic (right) side of the bike. Consider adding a reflective red cross to indicate where your supplies are located.

Because you may not have time to read a manual while trying to give first aid to an injured person or yourself, we recommend that you take an [Accident Scene Management \(ASM\) course](#) to learn what first aid challenges you may encounter and how to treat them. A 100 series ASM course teaches the basics of motorcycle trauma using the P.A.C.T. formula and ABCSS of Trauma to prioritize treatment. While this one-day course is geared toward the lay rescuer, it is great for the EMS worker as well. Helmet removal, moving the injured and jaw thrust rescue breathing are all part of this class that prepares you to respond to a trauma scene and apply basic first aid. For more information [about classes click here](#) and [Pre-packed Motorcycle First Aid Kits go to <http://www.rgcompound.com/>](#)

Ride with Pride,

Walter Knight

Road Captains

You don’t have to be the Road Captain to Plan a Ride.

Here are a few tips.

Planning the Ride

A road captain is a fundamental part of any ride planning. Especially where riders may number in the dozens or even hundreds, she has to be well versed in the route. She must know about potential hazards, road conditions and any special events that are happening at the time of the ride. A road captain will ride the route a few days in advance to make sure that nothing has changed, will keep an eye on the weather, and will also be present at ride planning meetings.

Educating and Informing Riders

The road captain is expected to brief the group before the ride. He will inform riders about the pace of the ride, tell them about staggered formation, and will explain what the rules are. Some rides require the participants to ride together in tight formation, while others have a more loose, "at your own pace" style. The road captain will also answer questions and educate new riders in hand signals and other riding etiquette. Finally, the road captain will let riders know what to do

should they break down or have a mishap, and might have a tactful word in the ear of a rider whose behavior is causing problems.

Leading the Ride

The road captain leads the ride. Riders are expected to keep an eye on her for cues as to where to go next. Working in conjunction with blockers or sweepers, the captain will also help to block off intersections to allow riders to pass without worrying about traffic. She will then pass back to the front. Sometimes the road captain stays in front and only the blockers do the intersection work, and sometimes she works with the blockers. When a lane change is performed, the leader signals the change and the rear guard initiates it. This prevents lane-changing bikes from crashing into one another and also provides a safer block to traffic. Indicators are seen from the rear and a large column of bikes changing is less likely to be cut off.

Stop Coordination

At gas and fuel stops, the road captain will set up in a staging area he has previously chosen so that the line of bikes can assemble. After leaving, the road captain will wait until the rear guard signals that everyone is ready to go before accelerating to highway speed.

Other Duties of the Road Captain

Other duties of the road captain including dealing with the police and other unexpected surprises, and making sure everybody has a fun, safe ride. The road captain is part of a team that includes the sweepers and rear guard, and is, by definition, an experienced rider.

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

Chaplain’s Corner

Anthony de Mello, a Catholic priest from India, tells of a man who saw his neighbor on the street searching for something on his hand and knees. His neighbor said he had lost a key. After helping him search for a while the man asked his neighbor where he thought he lost the key. The neighbor replied he had lost it in the house. Asked why he was searching on the street he replied, “there is more light here.”

Often, we are searching for answers to life’s questions and our personal problems in the wrong places. Often, we look where it is easier to search or for an easy answer. So often the answer lies within our own heart or consciousness if we would but look there.

In my experience of pastoral counseling, I learned that if I listened carefully to people and did not give them either quick or “easy” solutions they would most often find the answers themselves. I just help them look within.

The world, and even some forms of religion, offer many tempting solutions to our problems. We often turn to them only to come up empty. The light may be brighter, but what we are looking for is not there. The children of Israel had to go through the wilderness to find the promise land and freedom from the Egyptians. Jesus went to the cross to complete God’s purpose for his life.

So, whatever you are looking for in your life right now may require you to look in the dark, in the difficult places. It may not be out there, even, but somewhere in your own heart where God is speaking to you.

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

I have received a flash drive from Brother Davis and I am working on a spreadsheet in order to keep my records and also so the staff at the clubhouse will also be able to help you if you want to purchase anything.

Rene Noe
Quartermaster

Joke for the Day

Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go.

Committee Reports/From Membership

Heaven I Ride;

The committee has come up with the Heaven I Ride. The committee has decided to do it in two (2) different rides to cut down on the length of the ride over all. Saturday June 12th at 9:30 am is the first one. They have decided that Sunday, June 13 for the ride to Flight 93, they will stop by Brother Boreing's graveside, the cemetery is on the route to the Flight 93 memorial so this would not be out of the way. This will save about three (3) hours off the original run.

The ride on June 12th, 2021 will start at the Clubhouse in Clarksburg at 9:30 AM and go to 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, which you should not be in the saddle for more than a little over an hour at the most. 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 than about an hour at a time. The plan is to not use the 4 lanes more than necessary. If you want to know the routes please just ask.

2021 Spring MDC Conference;

It has been decided that our chapter 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. The chapter is going to have a simple hospitality room at Village Square Conference Center in Clarksburg from about 5

pm until about 11 pm. We will have beer, chips, popcorn, etc. We will need a few members to help shuttle people back and forth hotel. Clubhouse staff is going to serve the hospitality room. Sunday morning, we will have a police escort from the hotel to Village Square for the Spring MDC meeting. Escort will depart from hotel about 9 am. We may need a few members to transport people to and from meeting also.

UP COMING EVENTS

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.

Chapter Flight 93 Ride: Brother Jim Enoch has advised that the chapter ride to Flight 93 will be on Sunday, June 13th, 2021. We will gather at the Burger King, Cranberry Square, Cheat Lake Exit 10 off of Interstate 68. We will depart (KSU) at 10 am for the ride to Flight 93. We will be stopping by Brother Boreing's grave site and give him his Heaven I honor. We are planning on meeting up with chapters from PA on the way to the memorial, most likely Curt's Restaurant. After visiting Flight 93 we may travel over to Flight 93 Memorial Chapel before traveling home. If anyone would like to stop at Penn Alps Restaurant to eat on the way home, please let us know.

This ride will be the day after the Heaven I ride. Will might be stopping at Curt's Restaurant about 1 hour form Burger King to meet with other chapters. More information to come.

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: Update on Gloria from Brother Mike Neely. Last Monday she was given a clean bill of health. Her doctor said she was in remission and would not need to come back for 3 months. I want to thank all my Blue Knight brothers and sisters for all the prayers. There is no doubt that prayer works. Brother Robinson call he and Kelli are having some health issues, both having sciatica, piriformis syndrome. They also had a close neighbor pass away yesterday.

Please say prayers for all of them.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, May 13th, 2021 at 19:00 hours.

Drawing: April drawing is \$10.00. The number 26 was drawn which was Mike Neely. Since he was not present the drawing for May will be \$15.00. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing.

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

On Zoom: Bill Kacinec, Walter Knight, and Ed Martin.

Guest: Ron Watson Jr.

Next Meeting Location

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 13th, 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 Village Square Conference Center in Clarksburg 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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