



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I am hoping that we can get several members attending the Fall Mason Dixon Conference in Culpeper, VA on Labor Day Weekend. This is always a fun event and get to meet up with old friends and meet new ones every year.

Just want to remind everyone about the chapter Appreciation Day at the Clubhouse on Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 1 pm to 5 pm. Please make contact with our manager Donna to see if there is anything you can help with for this event. I hope that everyone will show up for a little while.

Also need to know how many members are going to ride to Cider Creek State Park, Saturday, September 25, 2021. We will depart from the Clubhouse at 10 am.

Our manager Donna is requesting the chapter to set up a vendor area for the fall fest at Village Square in October. Something for the children like a duck pond or something like that. What do you think? Will you come out and help?

Remember to check your blinker fluid.....hahahaha

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 9th, 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 presented the \$500.00 Visa gift card to the mother of the injured girl today. She became very emotional and told me this card would really be helpful. A person from the rehab center in Atlanta Georgia visited her daughter today to see if they would take the girl into their facility.

The results will take about a week. The doctors took the tube out of her throat and she was able to speak on FaceTime to her mother for the first time. I was standing beside her mother when she spoke and her first words were "Hi Jim". That really got to me. Both her mother and I shed a tear. Moments like this makes me proud to be a member of such a great organization as the Blue Knights. The girl is 17 and has a long way to go but things are looking up. Please keep her

in your prayers, her name is Jana. Thank you to the members of the WV Blue Knights II from Jana and her family.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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Respectfully,

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

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

THE T-CLOCK INSPECTION

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation created the T-CLOCK mnemonic as a memory and organization ad for a pre-ride safety check of a typical motorcycle. Each letter represents a particular inspection category, as follows:

T - Tires & Wheels

C - Controls

L - Lights & Electrics

O - Oil

C - Chassis

K - Kickstand

TIRES AND WHEELS

Tires: Pressure correct (cold), tread condition. No cut, bulges, punctures of foreign objects.

Wheels: Spokes tight and intact; rims true; no free play when flexed; bearing seals intact; spin freely.

Brakes: Firm feel; sufficient pad depth, no leaks or links in hoses or cables.

CONTROLS

Levers: Pivot bolt and nut; action and position correct; pivots lubed.

Cables: Ends and shafts lubed; no fraying or kinks; no binding when handlebar turned; proper adjustment.

Hoses: Check for damage or leaks, proper routing.

Throttle: Snaps closed freely when released; no excess play.

LIGHTS

Brake and Taillight(s): All filaments work; both levers actuate brake light.

Headlight: All filaments work; properly aimed; no damage.

Lenses: Clean; no condensation; tight.

Reflectors: Clean; intact.

Battery: Fluid level; terminals clean and tight; held down securely; vent tube not kinked or miss-routed.

Wiring: Check for pinching or fraying; properly routed; no corrosion.

OIL AND FLUIDS

Levels: Brake fluid, oil, final drive, transmission, coolant, fuel.

Leaks: Check all systems for leaks.

Condition: Check color of brake fluid & coolant.

CHASSIS

Frame: Paint lifting or peeling may indicate cracking.

Steering head & swingarm bearings: Lift wheels off floor, grab lower fork legs and pull and push to feel for play; repeat at rear. Turn fork to feel for detents in bearings.

Suspension: Smooth movement; proper adjustment; no leaks.

Chain or belt: Tension; lube, look for wear.

Fasteners: Look for missing or loose threaded fasteners, clips, pins.

KICKSTAND

Sidestand: Retracts firmly; no bending or damage; cutout switch operates; spring intact.

Centerstand: Retracts firmly, no damage.

Ride with Pride,

Walter Knight

Road Captains

Some bikers put their motorcycles away after Labor Day weekend, but many look forward to what can be some of the best riding weather. If you're planning on riding during autumn, make sure your bike is safe and ready to handle the change of the season.

Here are a few safety reminders to help you stay safe and avoid a [motorcycle accident](#), even as the leaves begin to change:

Check the Mechanics

After the summer riding season, your bike may need a tune-up. Check that all parts are functioning correctly and that you have good tread and air pressure in your tires. Make sure your fluid levels are good and that all controls are working properly.

Wear Proper Clothing

Autumn has many temperature changes. It can be quite chilly in the morning and still reach the mid-70s or 80s in the afternoon, depending on where you are. The best thing you can do to adjust to the changes is to dress in layers. You should never wear cotton as a base layer. Use thermal underwear or something with a synthetic blend as your base layer. On top of the base layer, wear comfortable riding attire. Don't wear a hoodie, but rather a zip-up sweatshirt or shirt.

Beat the Wind with Leather

It might be too hot to wear leather during the summer, but it's perfect for fall. Leather motorcycle jackets or chaps can protect you from the wind and keep you more comfortable while riding. They usually also have removable liners.

You can wear riding boots with synthetic liners and wool socks. This combination will let your feet breathe in case they get warm.

Finally, it's a good idea to wear a pair of synthetic glove liners underneath your leather biker gloves and pack fingerless leather gloves in a storage compartment. You'll be able to switch in the afternoon when you get too warm.

Switch to a Half- or Full-Visor Helmet

Cold air can be harsh on your eyes, so switch to a Department of Transportation-approved helmet.

Bring Your Rain Gear

A raw, chilling rain can cause hypothermia quickly, especially if you're not wearing the best riding attire. Always pack your rain gear, just in case.

Watch for Riding Hazards

Fallen leaves can be very slippery and cause accidents, and many deer are more active during autumn – especially during dawn and dusk. Keep your eyes out for any riding hazard so you have time to react.

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

Chaplain's Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

Items can be purchased at the clubhouse.

**Rene Noe
Quartermaster**

MDC Safety Officer

Blue Knights® International – Safety

Welcome to the Blue Knights International Safety Page. I am Robert (Bud) Overby, your International Safety Officer, and International Safety Committee Chairman. Your International Safety Committee is currently made up eleven appointed Conference Safety Officers and a Chairman. You can find a link to the Safety Committee list by looking under Members / Committees / Safety Committee. Contact information for each Committee Member if available on that page. We have put together this Safety Page to provide you with current Safety Related Links, a Basic Group Riders Handbook, and Entertaining and Informative Articles on Safety and State of the Art Safety Gear. Our Mission is to provide a Safer and more Enjoyable ride for everyone, while reducing risk of individual Accidents and Injuries.

It's not much different that we've done our entire Careers; Look out for each other and do whatever we can to ensure we each make it home safe. We can accomplish this by understanding how to Ride Better as a Group. We'll start by giving you some tools that are Time Tested and have been proven to work. We hope you find them as useful as we have.

Basic Group Riding Handbook

Your International Safety Committee has put together a Basic Group Riding Handbook as a guideline for Group Riding. This Handbook uses nationally recognized and practiced group riding techniques. Becoming familiar with these techniques will allow you to ride with confidence with just about ANY Organized Motorcycle Riding Group. I would ask that each of you please download this Handbook. I promise you that the time you put into reviewing it and practicing these skills while group riding will make your group rides much more enjoyable and safer for you, and everyone involved.

Pre-Ride Safety Meetings and Group Communications

Get into the habit of ALWAYS having a Pre-Ride Safety Meeting. Make this mandatory before every ride, regardless of group size. This briefing should include a Equipment Safety Check, an Oral Breakdown of the ride, and the use of Safety Officers or Road Captains spaced Front (Lead), Middle, and Rear (Sweep) if numbers permit. Make sure all riders understand their part of the ride, Group Hand Signals, and what to do in the event of an Emergency, or Group Separation. Whenever possible have your Safety Officers, and Road Captains equipped with some form of Communications when possible.

Keep your head on Swivel

Pay attention out there and ensure you have an escape route planned at all times. Utilize basic distances when riding as a group.

Don't Drink and Drive

The International Safety Committee would like to remind all our members if you are drinking - don't drive and survive the middle ages.

Safety and Information Links

[Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act](#)
[Comprehensive State by State Concealed Carry Laws and Restrictions](#)
[What the LEOSA Reform Act might mean for active and retired officers](#)

Whatever you ride,

Ride Safe, Ride Often, and Ride with Pride

Robert Bud Overby

Joke for the Day

I used to date a girl that reported the weather. We had a very stormy relationship.

Committee Reports

The 2022 Spring Mason Dixon Conference will be hosted by West Virginia II Memorial Day Weekend 2022. The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Elkins, WV. Conference will be May 27 – 29, 2022.

From Membership

[From Brother Watson](#)

Dirt Roads By Paul Harvey

What's mainly wrong with society today is that too many Dirt Roads have been paved. There's not a problem in America today, crime drugs education, divorce, delinquency, that wouldn't be remedied, if we just had more Dirt Roads, because Dirt Roads give character. People that live at the end of Dirt Roads learn early on that life is a bumpy ridge. That it can jar you right down to your teeth sometimes, but it's worth it, if at the end is home...a loving spouse, happy children and a dog. We wouldn't have near the trouble with our education system if our children got their exercise walking a Dirt Road with other children, from whom they learn how to get along. There was less crime in our streets before they were paved. Criminals didn't walk two dusty miles to rob or rape, if they knew they'd be welcomed by five barking dogs and a double barrel shotgun. And there were no drive by shootings. Our values were better when our roads were worse! People did not worship their cars more than their children, and motorists were more courteous, they didn't tailgate by riding the bumper of the guy in front would choke you with dust and bust your windshield with rocks. Dirt Road taught patience. Dirt Roads were environmentally friendly, you didn't hop in your car for a quart of milk, you walked to the barn for your milk. For your mail, you walked to the mailbox. What if it rained and the Dirt Road washed out? That was the best part, then, you stayed home and had some family time, roasted marshmallows and popped popcorn and pony road on Daddy's shoulders and learned how to make prettier quilts than anybody. At the end of Dirt Roads, you soon learned that bad words tasted like soap. Most paved roads lead to trouble, Dirt Roads more likely lead to a fishing creek or a swimming hole. At the end of a Dirt Road, the only

time we even locked our car was in August, because if we didn't, some neighbor would fill it with too much zucchini. At the end of a Dirt Road, there was always extra spring time income, from when city dudes would get stuck, you'd have to hitch up a team and pull them out. Usually you got a dollar, always you got a new friend....AT THE END OF A DIRT ROAD.

[From Brother Stevens](#)

Not sure if you want to put this little poem in the newsletter or not but I think it's funny. Little Miss Muffet sat on her buffet eating her curds and whey. Along came a spider and sat down beside her and said; WHAT'S IN THE BAG BITCH.

[From Brother Stevens](#)

Hey Ed. Here is something interesting you might want to put in your newsletter: On Wednesday Becky and I was on the boardwalk at Ocean City, Maryland. We were sitting on a bench when Becky asked me to get her something to drink. I stood up and took a few steps when I kicked something with my foot. I looked down and noticed an orange medicine bottle with something in it. I picked it up and saw what appeared to be pot. Looked to be a very high grade. Becky suggested I turn it in to a police officer which I agreed. She saw 3 police officers a short distance away so I approached them with the bottle. I thought I would have a little fun with them. As I walked over to them, I held the bottle up and said " Excuse me but do any of you know where I can sell this?" One officer looked at me and said " UH WHAT !!!!! " I stared laughing but they didn't. They asked me where I got it and I pointed to the area where I found it. One officer took out an evidence bag and placed the pot in it. He then asked for my ID. I gave him my driver's license and he took out a notebook and wrote down the information then asked him are you placing me under arrest? He said no I just need it for my report. I said I understand. Becky kept looking my way wondering what was taking so long. I told her laughingly there for a minute I thought I was going go to jail. She said so did I. I wish I would have thought of it at the time I would've had them put me in handcuffs to play a joke on her.

UP COMING EVENTS

[July](#)

2021 Summer Bash: 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](#)

Sunday, August 1, 2021; Chapter will be having our ride to Flight 93. Same plans as last month's plans. See information below in upcoming events.

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.

2021 Chapter Appreciation Day: Manager Donna has set up Sunday, September 12th, 2021 as our member/guest appreciation day. It will be from 1 until about 5 pm.

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**.

2021 Chapter Ride: Saturday, September 25th, 2021 Cedar Creek State Park, 2947 Glenville, WV 26351. We will depart from the Blue Knights West Virginia II Clubhouse at 10 AM for Cedar Creek Foundation Fall Festival September 25, 2021. We will do a drive through the camp ground as a group. They will be having Apple Butter making and different vendors, music and other events to register and participate in as well. We will have a concession and Hershey hand dipped Ice cream for sale. We have a General Store open for souvenirs. We will also be meeting up with other West Virginia Chapter there.

[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.

Drawing: August drawing was \$30.00. Brother Sinclair's name was drawn and he was not present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. August drawing with be worth \$35.00.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: Tammy McNulty, wife of Brother Marty McNulty has been in the hospital with medical issues, she is at home now but please keep them in your prayers. Brother Bill Kacinec's wife Christine is home recovering from her 2nd surgery on her hip. Brother Lou Stevens' lady Becky Green fell at the Clarksburg VA Park and broke her wrist in 3 places and has had surgery. Brother Bakers' wife has a broken/fractured hip. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Members in Attendance: Fred LePera, Marty McNulty, Don Wikert, Ron Watson, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Andy Kolb, Walter Knight, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

On Facebook: Mike Neely, Doug Casteel, Ethel Tyler, Chuckie Diaz, Robert Bud, Russ Swiger, Steve Hamling, Carmen Hamling, Lou Stevens, Becky Green, and Doug Baker.

Guest: Brandi Knight

Next Meeting Location

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 9th, 2021 at 7 PM.
Blue Knights West Virginia II Clubhouse**

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