



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## August 2022 Newsletter

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### ***PRESIDENT'S NOTES:***

Remember that later this year our chapter will have an election for officer for the 2023 & 2024 years. Hope a few of you are going to the Fall MDC in Culpeper, VA.

If you, can you should try and schedule your calendar to go to the 2023 Winter MDC in Rehoboth Beach, DE. February 10-12, 2023.

The 2023 Spring MDC conference will be Memorial Day weekend, May 26, 27, & 28, 2023. It will be at the Holiday Inn Express, 50 Martin Street, Elkins, WV. You can make your room reservations now. We need to find some good door prizes and someone that can pinstripe and airbrush for the Spring MDC.

We have a committee researching information on the chapter purchasing a trailer. Looking for most likely a 7 by 14 or 7 by 16. Hopefully they will have some information at the next meeting.

Remember that at the monthly meeting we have a drawing and if your name is drawn you win that pot. If the person that name is drawn is not present then the pot goes up \$5.00. The pot for September will be \$85.00. Just think if you attend the meeting, you could go home with an extra \$85.00. I believe that is a good reason to attempt to make that meeting.

Ride with Pride

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### ***VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:***

Dream Machine Car Show, August 21, 2022. Registration from 11 am to 1 pm and Show is from 1 pm to 4 pm.

**Catch the fever.**

Ride with Pride

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***Jim Enoch***

### ***SECRETARY'S NOTES:***

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7 PM.**

Kelli and I hope this find all of my Brothers, Sisters, and family members in good health and spirits? We miss all of you. I have some medical curves going on and the Lord willing hope to see some of you in Culpeper. Culpeper is truly a great time, with great memories to relive. We have made our reservations for Elkins as well. I would like to see a flag that can be placed in yards, or along walkways. A flag of Blue Knights on one side, and WV State insignia on the other side. Be nice to see the Blue Line through the State insignia. Just a thought.

Another item could be a WV coozie/coolie to place a can or bottle in. Hopefully a nice reasonable cost can be found. Thoughts on flag with or without the ground stand to display the flag.  
I have been improving and have had some setbacks. If you are out there traveling by bike, trike, or car, pay attention to your surroundings and keep it under 100.

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**

Even though the 2022 riding season is half over this is still as important today as it was the first day of riding season.

### **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**

Side-stand: Retracts firmly; no bending or damage; cutout switch operates; spring intact.

Center-stand: Retracts firmly, no damage.

## **Ride with Pride, Walter Knight**

### **Road Captains Autumn Riding Tips**

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 WWII**

## **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\***

There were three friends that wanted to play golf every Saturday afternoon, but couldn't because of their wives who bugged them to stay home.

One day, they finally got together on the golf course and were waiting at the first tee when one guy said, "I had to buy my wife a diamond necklace to get to play today!!!"

The second said, "That's nothing, I had to buy MY wife a new sports car to get out here today!"

The third said, "Boy you guys are a couple of wimps; I didn't have to buy my wife anything!!!"

They both look at him and ask how he managed that!

The smartest of the three said, "It was easy, when I got up this morning I looked her straight in the eye and asked, "Golf course or Intercourse?"

She threw me a sweater and said, "Take this, it might get chilly out there!"

## **INT'L/MDC Safety Officer**

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**Mason Dixon Safety Officer**

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**Ride Safe, Ride Often & Ride with Pride!**

## **From Membership**

### **UP COMING EVENTS**

**2022  
December**

**2022 West Virginia II, Friday, December 9th, 2022**, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm.

**2023 Events  
February**

**2023 Winter Mason Dixon Conference, February 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Delaware I is hosting the Winter MDC at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center, 1 Baltimore Ave, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. (On the Boardwalk) Room Rate is \$79.00 plus taxes. Call hotel at 800-422-0600, ask for Blue Knights Group #10. Registration for the event is \$95.00 per person.

**May**

**2023 Spring Mason Dixon Conference/Wild & Wonderful Knights**, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. May 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and \$90.00 after May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Sick, Ill, or in Distress:** Zadah Talkington fell the other night and needs some prayers. Brother Stevens girlfriend Becky had surgery yesterday. Brother Hunt and his wife have Covid.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 19:00 hours.

**Drawing:** August drawing is \$80.00. Brother name Robert Davis name was drawn and he was not present. September drawing will be \$85.00. *Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing.*

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

**Guest:** Christina Kacinec.

**On Facebook:** Kelli-anne Robinson, Lou Stevens, Mike Neely, Scott Hunt, Sherry McChilly, Walter Knight.

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