



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

The annual Board meeting has not been scheduled yet but hopefully we can have it before the end of February. Rexann and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Just want to let everyone know that the 2023 Winter Mason Dixon Conference weekend for February 10-12, 2023 is in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

I would like to see members come forth and be on some of the committees that we have in the chapter. We need your support to make things happen.

We are still going to live stream our meetings on Facebook. There is a long delay in transmission of about 17 seconds which I have no control over. Good news is we have been having about 8-chapter members attend the meeting this way each month and several other Blue Knights of other chapters are also watching the meeting. I am doing this so our members can be informed about our business. So please have patience with me and help me if you have knowledge about how to do this better.

Membership 2023 dues have been paid.

Remember that we are hosting the Spring Mason Dixon Conference in May which is not that far off, so please get out there and get your door prizes or raffle items early.

Ride with Pride

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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Hello my Brothers and Sisters, hope this finds you & your family members in good health and spirits?

I have completed my presurgical physical and hopefully I can get my eye working properly SOON.

I have made our room reservations for Elkins. Arriving on a Thursday and depart on a Monday.

Will be sending in our flyer in March. Looking forward to seeing all of you, medical n Lord willing.

Hope fellow members make room reservations and get your flyer submitted. Drive-n-ride safely and keep it under 100. Pay attention to your surroundings in our crazy ass society.

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

There is a small difference between charging a battery (trickle charger) and conserving most of the battery charge (battery tender). This is why battery tender vs trickle charger can be useful. It's up to you how you decide to use each one of them, which is why today, we will talk about battery tender vs trickle charger in detail. Hopefully this will help you understand their key differences and appropriate uses at suitable times.

What are battery tenders for

A battery tender is a useful newer technology that allows the battery to have a long life. It helps in avoiding battery drainage in conditions like cold weather or any such situation with the help of innovative microprocessor technology. The battery maintainer allows a battery to keep its charge stored without losing any of the power. Some types of batteries have high self-discharge rates. This is why battery maintainers allow the battery to keep the charge preserved without wasting any of the power.

What are trickle chargers for

Trickle chargers are useful in recharging batteries without loss of power. This charger type ensures that the battery is charged slowly without losing any power, which can also help extend the life of the battery. In the case of the lithium-ion battery, a direct current or constant voltage is needed.

Differences between battery tender vs trickle charger

Battery tender vs trickle charger are both beneficial for a battery to extend its life. An important thing about both of them is that they are best used with acid batteries. A trickle charger will force a small current into the battery, which may be acceptable since the current of a lithium battery changes in stages when it is charged. Some newer battery tenders can be used on lithium batteries as they are selectable for the type of battery being used.

A smart battery tender will allow you to check when the battery requires charging. It will turn off after charging is complete, and check the condition of the battery. Depending on the tender model, it will charge the battery back up to full and wait once more when it notices the battery has depleted to about 80%. Although more expensive, tenders are superior. The battery is only charged by tenders when necessary, which lessens the battery's deterioration.

Among the many types of batteries, the self-discharge rate of lead-acid batteries is very high, while the self-discharge rate of lithium-ion batteries is only about 3.5% per month. Trickle chargers are designed to counteract the self-discharge of batteries.

Which is better – battery tender vs trickle charger

There can be a debate when comparing battery tender vs trickle charger in order to prove which one is better. Both battery tender & trickle charger have their own use. You cannot simply tell which one is better, but when you talk about facts, although more expensive, the battery tenders are superior. The battery is only charged by tenders when necessary, which lessens the battery's deterioration. A trickle charger could put the battery under stress more than necessary. While trickle chargers should be unplugged once they have finished charging, battery tenders can be left plugged in. A smart mode on trickle chargers that functions like a battery maintainer are now available with the latest models. When the battery in your trickle charger reaches 100% charge, the unit will turn off when it is in this mode.

If you purchase most any style of smaller tender or trickle charger, it will most likely come with a small pig tail to connect directly to your battery to make connecting much easier. No need to disassemble half of the bike to make use of it. They typically also include the alligator style clips so you can also maintain the battery of any other "toy" you may have stored or something such as your riding mower that isn't used on a daily basis.

**Ride with Pride,
Walter Knight**

Road Captains

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Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John "Spot" McCloud

Chaplain's Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

Brother Noe says chapter items are at the clubhouse. If you need something contact me or one of the staff at the clubhouse. We just received the new black sweatshirts.

Rene Noe

Joke for the Day

Legal Advice

A lawyer's dog, running around unleashed, beelines for a butcher shop and steals a roast.

Angry, the butcher goes to the lawyer's office and asks, "If a dog running unleashed steals a piece of meat from my store, do I have a right to demand payment for the meat from the dog's owner?"

The lawyer answers, "Absolutely."

"Then you owe me \$35. Your dog was loose and stole a roast from me today."

The lawyer, without a word, writes the butcher a check for \$35 and the butcher walks away satisfied.

Not even a week later the butcher opens his mail and finds an envelope from the lawyer. Inside, he finds an invoice in the amount of \$150 due for a consultation.

Dave and Pete

Dave and Pete were a couple of drinking buddies who worked as aircraft engineers in Darwin, Australia. One day the airport was fogged in and they were stuck in the hangar with nothing to do.

Dave said, 'Man, I wish we had something to drink!'

Pete says, 'Me too. Y'know, I've heard you can drink jet fuel and get a buzz.

You wanna try it?'

So, they pour themselves a couple of glasses of high-octane booze and get completely smashed.

The next morning Dave wakes up and is surprised at how good he feels.

In fact, he feels GREAT! NO hangover! NO bad side effects.

Nothing!

Then the phone rings. It's Pete.

Pete says, 'Hey, how do you feel this morning?'

Dave says, 'I feel great, how about you?'

Pete says, 'I feel great, too. You don't have a hangover?'

Dave says, 'No that jet fuel is great stuff -- no hangover, nothing. We ought to do this more often..'

' Yeah, well there's just one thing.'

'What's that?'

'Have you farted yet?'

'No.'

'Well, DON'T - 'cause I'm in New Zealand 😂'

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Ride Safe, Ride Often & Ride with Pride!

From Membership

UP COMING EVENTS

2023 Events

February

2023 Winter Mason Dixon Conference, February 10th – 12th, 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 26th – 28th, 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, 2023, and \$90.00 after May 1st.

July

2023 International Convention: Hosted by PA V, host hotel is the Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

July 16 – July 21, 2023. Room rates are \$134.00 plus tax per night and the registration for the event is \$150.00 per person. Convention Information: The web site for the 2023 event has been activated for Blue Knights around the world. You can visit the web site by clicking on/going to www.BKI2023International.com. See flyer below.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress:

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, March 9th, 2023 at 19:00 hours.

Drawing: January drawing was \$90.00. Brother Enoch’s name was drawn, and he was present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. March drawing will be \$5.00.

Members in Attendance: Fred LePera, Mike Neely, Don Wikert, Ron Watson, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Walter Knight, Lewis Stevens, and Ed Martin.

On Facebook: Kelli and Robby Robison, Rexann Martin, Ethyl Tyler, Sherry Hunt and Jim Trachta.

Guest: Brandi Knight.

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2023 BLUE KNIGHT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
A "Family Oriented Event" Sunday, July 16 – Friday, July 21
Harrisburg, PA

Hosted by PA V – a prior host for 2013, 2018, 2022 Tristate Conferences and 2016 International Convention...You will not be disappointed!

PENN HARRIS HOTEL direct: (717)-763-7117
 1150 Camp Hill Bypass
 Camp Hill, PA 17011



Rooms \$134/night BK rate - single & double

- 200 Room BK block or more
- Rate good for 3 days before & 2 days after
- 3pm check-in / 11am check-out
- Newly refreshed rooms/New owner
- Pet Friendly, 1,000 capacity banquet room
- Gym and Outdoor pool



Registration \$150 (adults), \$85 (ages 12-17):

- Wednesday Dinner and Thursday Banquet,
- Hospitality daily w/extended hours
- Typical choices of 2 Guided Rides each day
- Youngster sitting during Banquet
- BK "car-pooling" excursions desk
- Special events for the ladies
- Vendors and Chapter Sales Room
- Door prizes & daily 50/50s
- Opt. Bus Tours (an extra charge)
- Opt. Daily Hotel Breakfasts (on your room charge)



Some area attractions of interest for "Guided" Rides, Tours and Visits:

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| National Civil War Museum - Harrisburg | PA State Police Museum - Hershey |
| Harley Davidson Assembly Plant - York | Susquehanna River Tour |
| Bills Cycle Barn - Bloomsburg | Three Mile Island - Middletown |
| PA Military Museum - Boalsburg | Gettysburg Battlefield Tour |
| Hershey Amusement Park | National Cemetery - Ft Indiantown Gap |
| Chocolate World - Hershey | Hershey Rose Gardens |
| PA Sate Capitol Complex - Harrisburg | Centralia Mine Fire - A Near Ghost Town |
| Vineyard at Hershey | Lancaster County Amish & Mennonite Country |
| Lititz PA - "Coolest Small Town in America" | Army Heritage Center - Carlisle |