



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## July 2021 Newsletter

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

It looks like our Manager Donna has set up Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as our member/guest appreciation day. It will be from 1 until about 5 pm. I have contacted WVU Children's Hospital and we are working on a date to present the \$6,000.00 check. The International election results were posted on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 5 pm local time. The results are as follows:

President-----D.J. Alvarez  
Vice President NA-----Rory MacConnell  
Vice President Europe-----Brendan Condon  
Secretary-----Jim Borza  
Treasurer-----John Bull

We will be presenting the \$6,000.00 check to the WVU Children's Hospital on Friday, July 16, 2021 at 7 PM. This will take place at the clubhouse. I would like to have as many members as possible at this event. Please wear your vest.

Ride with Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 12th, 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.

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

#### **Catch the fever.**

Ride with Pride

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***Jim Enoch***

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

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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**

Ride with Pride,  
**Walter Knight**

## **Road Captains**

**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**

Keep yourself hydrated in this hot weather and make a few more stops.

Whatever you ride,

**Ride Safe, Ride Often, and Ride with Pride**

**Robert Bud Overby**

### **\*Joke for the Day\***

Google is definitely a woman; it starts suggesting things before you can even finish your sentence.

## **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**

Motorcycle Trip  
Vermont/New Hampshire  
June 15-20, 2021

The following is just a snapshot of our recent trip to the Green and White Mountains of the greater northeastern regions of the United States. It was Don Wilkert who suggested that we plan a trip to this region. So we put together a game plan and invited anyone who would like to go.

Calling ourselves the “wild hogs”, maybe because each of us rode Harleys, the group consisted of Harrison County Sheriff’s Office Sgt. Curt Diaz who was our “navigator”; new comer Bob Partain was our “weather predictor”; Ronnie Watson, II, designated as our “road safety PIC”; Chuck Martin was the group’s “official photographer”; Don Wilkert our “tail twister”; and yours truly “coach” Ron Watson. There is a story behind each of our labels.

Our intent was to ride the quickest highways to Vermont and back home from New Hampshire. So this meant the Interstates. On Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, we departed the Fairmont Cracker Barrel at 8:00 am and rode over 500 miles and overnighted in the quaint little town of Oneonta, NY.

The next morning after breakfast at Gail Morey’s Dollhouse (it’s not what you think), we hit the road and made it to Vermont where we had lunch at DOTS Restaurant in Wilmington, VT before we started our scenic byways ride up 100 through the Green Mountains. The food was great and

especially the waitress, Lisa, who put Wikert in his place when he asked her what was the meaning of the sign on the wall that read “Whiners Will Be SHOT”? She asked him if he could read the small print which she read for him..... “Republican’s and Yankee fans”. At that point the game was on and Bob got his two cents in with the table next to us who were from New Jersey when he asked the guy if he was a kept man.....what fun we did have.

Along the way we rode through several small villages and overnighted at the Best Western in Waterbury, VT. We had dinner at the Prohibition Pig.....great BBQ and beer. Next morning we stopped at the home factory for Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream. Tours was closed until fall so we rode on and was 4 miles from Canada when we entered New Hampshire.

The ride through the White Mountains was breath taking. At one point we were at an elevation of over 6,000 feet. We ended the day in Concord, NH where we overnighted for the next two nights at the Fairfield Hotel. Evening meal was at The Common Man and again the food and service was excellent. We also struck up a relationship with a group from New York & New Jersey. They were the production crew for Sesame Street. One of the guys was a window washer and had washed windows 79 stories high.

The next day (Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>) we rode to the World’s Oldest Motorcycle Rally in their 98<sup>th</sup> year at Laconia, NH. One of the highlights was when Curt, Chuck & Ronnie did the BMW demo rides at the New Hampshire Speedway Complex. Ronnie recorded a speed of 125 mph. In the Laconia event area Curt, like the Marine he is, demonstrated at the US Marine Booth that he still had it by doing a number of chin ups for the viewing public.

Along the way we met Tommy Alemany, a brother Blue Knight from BKNY 2. After a full day at Laconia we headed back to the hotel to regroup for the next day’s activities.

After breakfast on Sunday found us departing for home. Once we got to Albany, NY, it was Interstate the rest of the way. Kurt did an excellent job in leading the group. He also could put away some food.....lots of food.

As we were a few miles from Scranton, PA, Bob updated us on the upcoming weather. And as usual, he was right on the money. We got soaked and lucked into the Four Points Hotel for the night.

With all due respect, my buddy and best friend Don was not the fastest rider of the group but he was the most improved.

On Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> we hammered down and headed home. Round trip was 1875 miles.

Plans are in the making for another trip.....maybe New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc.

Pictures of the trip can be viewed at Ron Watson Facebook.

## 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.

**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](mailto:VA2@blueknights.org).

**2021 Chapter Appreciation Day:** Manager Donna has set up Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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**.

### 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:**

Please say prayers for all of them.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, August 12th, 2021 at 19:00 hours.

**Drawing:** July drawing was \$25.00. Brother name was drawn and he was not present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. August drawing will be worth \$.00.

**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

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Blue Knights West Virginia II Clubhouse**

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