



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## June 2021 Newsletter

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

The 2021 Spring Mason Dixon Conference Meeting was on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Village Square Conference Center in Clarksburg, WV. I am here to inform all of you that we had excellent comments about our chapter holding the meeting. Everyone seemed to have a good time. I want to thank each and everyone of the members that helped and attended the hospitality and meeting.

Please read through your newsletter and check out the event calendar. We have several events that our members should try and attend. We are had to cancel both events in June. The Heaven I ride was canceled due to lack of participation and then the Flight 93 Ride canceled due to severe weather.

Our manager at the clubhouse was able to sell \$3,000.00 of raffle tickets for WVU Children's Hospital and at the meeting the chapter decided to match that fund. We will be donating \$6,000.00 to the WVU Children's Hospital. The next time you are at the clubhouse thank the Donna and the Staff. We are hoping to get this check presented in the next week or two.

Ride with Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 8th, 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.

Our flight 93 was cancelled because of the weather forecast. I will pick another date and we will try again Pa. chapter 16 and 1 will also join us. The summer is young and hopefully better weather is ahead.

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.

**Catch the fever.**

Ride with Pride

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***Jim Enoch***

***SECRETARY'S NOTES:***

Respectfully,

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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**

Just want to touch base and let everyone know that with the heat we need to drink plenty of water while out riding. Take a few extra stops to help get out of the sun and heat.

Here are a few notes:

**Heat Exhaustion Possible Symptoms**

(May develop suddenly or over time)

Goose Bumps when in the heat

Heavy sweating

Faintness

Dizziness

Fatigue

Weak, rapid pulse

Low Blood pressure upon standing

Muscle cramps

Nausea  
Headache

What to do:

- Stop all activity and rest
- Move to a cooler place
- Drink cool water or sports drinks
- Loosen clothing
- Contact doctor if symptoms worsen or don't improve with one hour

**Heat Stroke Symptoms**

(brought on by heat)

Skin feels hot, dry to touch

High body temperature

Confusion, agitation, slurred speech

Nausea and vomiting

Flushed skin

Rapid breathing

Racing heart rate

Headache, throbbing head

What to do:

- First call 911
- Get into shade or indoors
- Remove excess clothing
- Cool person with any means available

**Ride with Pride,**

**Walter Knight**

## **Road Captains**

Remember that if you just want to get out and ride and you have no plans maybe just find a parking lot that does not have very many vehicles or traffic and do some practice on turns and slow ride. Stopping and starting. Just something to get the feel of riding again.

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

## **Chaplain's Corner**

In I Samuel, chapter, 16, God has sent Samuel to the home of Jesse to choose a king to replace Saul. Jesse had seven of his sons come out to meet Samuel, and Samuel was impressed with each one's physical appearance and demeanor. He would be certain that one of these should be the new king, but God said that neither of these was to be chosen, then he said to Samuel, ". . .

“man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Samuel asked Jesse if he had another son at which point he sent for David, the youngest and a mere shepherd. David was then chosen. I was reminded of how often I judge people by their outward appearance without ever getting to know them or without knowing their heart.

Of course, our society puts a lot of pressure on us to look a certain way. Beauty products are a billion-dollar business. Clothes are marketed based on how “cool” we will look to others. And, yes, we are guilty of judging people based on gender, race, or nationality, the clothes they wear, their hair style and other outward features. If we can get passed seeing only the outward appearance, we would often be surprised by the quality of the people we meet.

We are all guilty of this, and it does seem to be human nature. God even recognized that when he said “man looks on the outward appearance.” But it is possible to correct our thinking if we pause to remember how God sees them. This was one of Sunday’s scriptures, and it sure got my attention. I hope it gets yours.

**Del Parris, Chaplain**  
**Blue Knights WWII**

## **Quartermaster**

Items can be purchased at the clubhouse.

**Rene Noe**  
**Quartermaster**

## **MDC Safety Officer**

Many riders have ridden down the roads either alone or with a passenger for years on two wheels and then added a third wheel. Some decide that this is the only way to continue riding and some just prefer the stability that a three-wheeler offers.

When it was suggested to me to find some information on trikes, I realized that I didn’t really know much about them. With that in mind, I asked my friends that own trikes questions. No one I asked had anything negative to say about their trike experiences.

Whether a rider was told “It’s either a trike, or nothing,” or they made that decision voluntarily, there are many more trikes on the road these days. I have been looking for and counting trikes for the past month and I see mostly Gold Wings and Harley Trikes, and some others such as Sling Shots, Can Am Spiders and the **Morgan 3-Wheeler (which is my personal favorite)**.

With riders aging, experiencing different health problems, and slowing reflexes, many have abandoned their traditional two-wheel motorcycles in favor of three-wheelers. The three wheelers are steady and seem to be safer machines for a growing number of riders of different skill levels and different ages. Some older riders that don’t want to have the weight of the heavy two wheeled motorcycle anymore and some younger riders that like the safety of three wheels instead of two. I have noticed that even the size of some of these three wheelers make them more visible to other vehicles on the road.

The sale price of these trikes can be pretty costly. A new three-wheeled Harley averages at about \$33,000, and Gold Wings require a Gold Wing and Trike kit that can add another \$13,000 or more to the price of the motorcycle. These trikes are not cheap but they are keeping a generation of aging riders on the road.

Part of the appeal of trikes has to do with the stability of three-wheelers, which don't require riders to lean into curves or hold them steady at stop lights, both of which can challenge weak knees and muscles. They do however require upper body strength and a lot of pushing and pulling through the curves.

Age, strength, equilibrium, amputation and many other factors might entice someone to look at a three wheeled motorcycle or a trike. Don't be quick to judge. The person on that three wheeled vehicle today might have a cool Fat Boy, V-Rod or Electra Glide with a trailer at home for other days.

Buying a three wheeled vehicle is a decision that we all might be faced with one day (for one reason or another). I suggest that you start looking at these steady comfort creatures now. When the time comes that you want to make a change, maybe a three-wheeler will be your choice instead of giving up riding. As for me, as long as I can throw a leg over it, I want to continue riding. I'm going to keep looking at three wheeled vehicles and who knows, maybe one day, I too will have one.

Whatever you ride,

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

**Robert Bud Overby**

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

I applied for a job today and they ask for three references. I wrote, "a dictionary, a Thesaurus, and a map."

## **Committee Reports/From Membership**

If you have a ride or event that you think you would like to attend, please let us know.

## **UP COMING EVENTS**

### July

**2<sup>ND</sup> 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:** 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](mailto: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. Please say prayers for all of them.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, July 8th, 2021 at 19:00 hours.

**Drawing:** June drawing was \$20.00. Brother Justice Carver's name was drawn and he was not present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. July drawing with be worth \$25.00.

**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

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 PM.**

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