



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## June 2023 Newsletter

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

I would like to take this time and let all our members know that we have had two (2) new members. Ethan Kesling with the Nutter Fort Police Dept, and Zach Kesling with the Harrison County Sheriff's Dept.

We are two (2) weeks past the 2023 Spring Mason Dixon Conference which was, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Holiday Inn Express, 50 Martin Street, Elkins, WV. I want to that the members that assisted with this event on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with making this a successful event. Since the event I have received several comments that how nice the event was and how good of a chapter we have. Just to let everyone know that our chapter will be hosting the 2024 Spring Mason Dixon Conference which will be May 24<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It will be at a new location. The conference will be held at Pipestem Resort State Park, near Hinton, WV. So please set this date on your calendar. As soon as we get a contract signed, I will post it so you can reserve your rooms.

Also, I want to thank everyone that attend the June meeting and that was present for the presentation of the \$12,000.00 check to WVU Children's Hospital.

Our manager at the clubhouse was able to sell \$6,000.00 of raffle tickets for WVU Children's Hospital and at the April meeting the chapter decided to match that fund. We will be donating \$12,000.00 to the WVU Children's Hospital. The next time you are at the clubhouse thank the Donna and the Staff. Also, when you are in the clubhouse thank the guest that are there to help us.

This is also an election year for our chapter. If you would like to run for an office, please let me know. Our nominations will be in October and the election will not be until November.

Received the following information in reference to International Election.

Dear Presidents, our International Elections will begin on Friday, June 16, 2023 and voting will end at midnight (EST) on July 15, 2023. The purpose of this email is to make you aware that sometime (depending on your time zone) that day, all members worldwide will receive the election ballot and can cast their vote. Please relay this information to all of your Chapter members asap and please encourage them to vote as soon as they can, in order for us to be aware of problems in time to correct any that occur. The email will come from [vote@voteegrity.net](mailto:vote@voteegrity.net) and the subject line will be, "BKI Election Now Open". Thank you for your assistance.

The International Election Procedures Committee

Bob Awtrey, Chairman

Bobby Conway

Emile Theriault

Paul Iriks

Walter Head

Please let us know if you are going to take a ride so we can maybe get a few members to ride along. Remember it is not what you ride, it is that you ride.

Thank you  
Ride with Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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

Report on Car and Bike show. The Dream Machine Car Club donated \$1,000.00 and the Blue Knight West Virginia II donated \$2,000.00 to be given to the Heart Camp for children. Brother Enoch also presented a trophy to the club from the Dream Machine Car Club.

### **Catch the fever.**

Ride with Pride

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***Jim Enoch***

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

Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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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**

### **QUICK TIPS: General Guidelines for Riding a Motorcycle Safely**

#### **Be visible:**

Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time.

Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.

Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle.

Be aware of the blind spots cars and trucks have.

Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.

If a motorist doesn't see you, don't be afraid to use your horn.

#### **Dress for safety:**

Wear a quality helmet and eye protection.

Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet.

Wear leather or other thick, protective clothing.

Choose long sleeves and pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.

Remember – the only thing between you and the road is your protective gear.

**Ride with Pride,  
Walter Knight**

## **Road Captains**

Just to let everyone know that as Road Captains we do not make every ride that members take. So, we want to pass on a little information to everyone. Remember before you pull out as a group and start riding down the highway, please take the time to call everyone together and inform them where the ride will be going and the routes that will be used. The leader should ask about the skill level of the members so the leader will know what pace to set on the ride. The leader should make sure all bikes are topped off with fuel and that the members understand the route. Take a few minutes and go over the hand signals so everyone will know what you are doing with your hands. Also advise the other members to pass the signal on back to the other riders. The tail gunner is responsible to make sure that if someone goes off the road for a break down that he stops for support. If the leader and tail gunner have communication with each other that is even better. Be careful and Ride with Pride.

**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.

**Rene Noe**

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

GREAT NEWS !!!!!

I just figured it out.

I'm a Seenager. (aka Senior teenager)

I have everything I wanted as a teenager, only 71 years later.

I don't have to go to school,

I don't have to work.

I get an allowance (OAS, Social Security etc.).

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license.

I own my car.

I have ID that gets me into bars & served alcohol.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant.

I don't have acne.

LIFE IS GREAT !!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

Please remind your members how important it is to be seen.

Tere riders that like Hi Viz jackets and shirts,  
there are riders that add extra lights to their bikes and even some old Harley riders will tell you that "Loud Pipes  
Save Lives".

Whatever you believe, work hard to be seen on the road or sitting at a stop light.

Wear bright colors, if you are sitting at a traffic light, tap your brake lights or cut on your flashers. Raise your  
hand briefly, whatever you do, get the attention of whoever is pulling up behind you.

Keep your bike in gear and you eye on upcoming vehicles. Plan your escape!!

Practice quick starts and escape maneuvers.

Don't get hit!

Thank you all again for a great conference & I'll see you soon.

**Robert (Bud) Overby**

**252-717-2857**

**Mason Dixon Safety Officer**

**BKNCVIII**

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

## **From Membership**

From Brother Sothen

Hay Ed, I went to Trooper Maynard funeral, it was attended by Officers from several states, I know you properly have seen and heard  
a lot of info about it, but it was very well attended my Law enforcement and I was proud to be able to go and pay my respects.

## **UP COMING EVENTS**

### **2023 Events**

#### **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](http://www.BKI2023International.com). Host hotel is fully booked.

**The Blue Ride:** Sunday July 30, 2023, Rain or Shine. Hosted by PAXVI. Registration will be at the WASHINGTON COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS 2151 NORTH MAIN STREET WASHINGTON PA. from 9am to 11 am, and we will depart promptly at 11:30. The  
cost for the ride is \$25.00 single, and \$35.00 double. Pre-Registration preferred by July 25, 2022. The cost for pre-Registered riders is  
\$20.00 single and \$30.00 double. Make Checks Payable to: **"Blue Ride Fund"** Send to: PO Box 422, Eighty-Four, PA 15330. Pre-  
Registrations are NON-REFUNDABLE. For More Information: Dave Richards - [dave.richards114@comcast.net](mailto:dave.richards114@comcast.net) - 724-263-6218

#### **August**

**2023 Summer Bash:** August 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Chesapeake, VA, Hosted by VA V. Delta by Marriott, 725 Woodlake Dr, Chesapeake,  
VA 23320. Phone number 757-523-1500, Rooms are \$119.00 per night and registration for event is \$139.00 per person/ \$260.00 per  
couple, ([before July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023](#)). Add \$20.00 after July 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration includes: \* (4) Daily Buffet Breakfasts \* Beach shuttles &  
tours \* Games & prizes

\* (3) Dinners \* Music & Entertainment \* Event collectibles \*\* Virginia V's "Traditional" never ending hospitality room \*\* NO  
meetings... NO Politics... Just "plain ole" summertime fun!!! Contact Ronnie Young @ 757-651-3300 or [rwybkva5@aol.com](mailto:rwybkva5@aol.com).  
Timmy Stott @ 757-676-5440 or [mccop465@verizon.net](mailto:mccop465@verizon.net).

## September

**2023 MDC Fall Conference/47<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Rally;** Culpeper, VA, Sept 1 - 4, 2023. 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 46st Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Dan Rivard 703-314-1012 or [VA2@blucknights.org](mailto:VA2@blucknights.org).

**Sick, Ill, or in Distress:** Brother Wikert recovering from hip surgery. Brother Robertson and Kelli still recovering from health issues. Brother Neely recovering from a fall and illness. Brother Robert “Bud” Overby just got out of hospital. Please pray for these people.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7 PM.

**Drawing:** June drawing was \$10.00. Brother Ron Watson’s name was drawn tonight. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. July drawing will be \$5.00.

**Members in Attendance:** Fred LePera, Mike Neely, Don Wikert, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Lewis Stevens, Ron Watson, Bill Bradley, Rick Jones, Daniel Loughrie, Marty McNulty, Ethel Tyler, Dixon Pruitt, Rene Noe, Zach Kesling, Ethan Kesling, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

**Guest:** Donna Loughrie, Tina Benda, Zadah Talkington, Becky Green, and Tammy McNulty.

**Facebook:** Doug Baker, Terry Queen, Bobby Ryan, Chuckie Diaz, Susie Enoch, Johnny John, Leslie Pruitt, Kelli-ann Robinson, Bud Overby, and Rene Noe.

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, July 13th, 2023 at 19:00 hours.

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