



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## June 2024 Newsletter

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

Donna is starting up the monthly drawing to help get our guest to keep coming back to support us. Monthly drawing is worth \$100.00. The 2024 Spring MDC/29<sup>th</sup> Wild Wonderful Knights weekend turned out to be a very good event. Everyone (except us workers) had a wonderful time. The workers did too but we walked ourselves a bit more than usual. We had 82 people attend the event. Everyone loved the location and the sunsets. Weather turned out to be wonderful. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the event and everyone that attended. A special thank you to Brother Fred Allen of Maryland I that became our road captain and went out on Friday and checked out a few places for the group ride on Saturday morning. He should what the brotherhood is all about.

At the event there were 23 chapters represented with 82 people in attendance. We honored to have the following individual attending. They were our International North American Vice President Cal Ennals, International Secretary Glen Wheat, International Treasurer John Bull, Board of Governors Treasurer Mike Rickard and a few conferences international reps. Awards were handed out for the following: Oldest and youngers male riders, Oldest and youngest female rider, largest chapter in attendance both in conference and out of conference and farthest distance traveled both in and out of conference. Rexann and I purchased a couple of gifts cards to hand out for another award that we thought might be interesting. We had everyone get out their membership cards and look to see who had the lowest membership number. That would show who has been a member the longest in attendance and the highest number was the newest member in attendance. It seems that most like the idea.

I would like for some members to contact our Road Captains and get a few rides set up. Also, road captains you should be setting up a few chapters rides soon.

Please keep sending in your articles or stories so other can read about them. Most of the members that I have talked to about this newsletter says they enjoy reading about other members travels.

Ride with Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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

The picnic was held on Sunday at noon on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It will be at the Westover City Park. The committee worked hard on the food items for the picnic. BBQ, cowboy beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and deserts. Caterer is John White. Food was great, if you did not attend you missed out on the fellowship that our chapter has to offer.

Car Show was able to donate \$3,200.00 to the Heart Camp. Chapter picnic had about 28 to 30 people show up.

Food was great and fellowship was flowing well. Chapter ride June 22, 2024. Meet at Burger King at Cheat Lake at Noon. See details below in up coming events.

**Catch the fever.**

Ride with Pride

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***Jim Enoch***

***SECRETARY'S NOTES:***

Just want to inform the chapter that we donated to the following organization at the May meeting:  
The Mikey Hart Scholarship Fund, The Stonewood Fire Dept Festival, and GFWC Woman's Club of America of Bridgeport.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Respectfully,

Lewis "Lou" Stevens

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**

**All Roads Are Not Alike**

**Tourers take note**

By: James R. Davis

Those of us that tour with our motorcycles have learned something about the roads across the country that might not be obvious - they are all different.

I mean that they are made of different materials, the quality of their surfaces varies considerably, they might be pristine and immaculate in one place only to become pot-holed war zones a few miles farther along.

The curves in one section of a road can be well lighted, perfectly banked, and of consistent radius while only a mile away a similar curve can be dark, decreasing radius, covered with 'tar snakes', and have roadside weeds higher than your head.

Why?

It seems to me that what we are seeing is simply a manifestation of the very real differences in County and State wealth and quality of their various maintenance personnel.

The Interstates are consistent in quality and design. The various State and County roads are not.

So, the message here should be obvious: As you cross a county line be sure to be ready for changes in road surface and quality. Slow down and experience the workmanship and care of the roads in a new County for a few miles before believing that you can take that next blind curve as fast as you are used to driving.

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**Ride with Pride,  
Walter Knight**

## **Road Captains Electrical Storms**

### **Riding out from under them could be a big mistake**

By: James R. Davis

You are out in the country and an electrical storm blows in. There is no civilization (read: shelter) for a hundred miles. Should you ride out the storm? If not, what should you do?

No doubt you have heard that because your tires are made of rubber, and because rubber is not a good electrical conductor, so long as you keep your feet on the pegs lightning will not hit you since it cannot find a path to ground through you and the bike. **WRONG!!!**

Though rubber is a pretty good insulator at the normal voltage levels we mere humans deal with, it is not very effective against the voltage in a lightning bolt.

On the other hand, you may also have heard that if a lightning bolt hits a car the occupants are safe because the car is riding on rubber tires, etc. Actually, this is almost true! So long as the occupants stay away from anything metal, they will more than likely survive a lightning hit without any injury whatever.

What protects occupants of a cage is not their rubber tires, but the fact that they are enclosed in a metal container. If a lightning bolt hits the surface of the car it spreads around the occupants, **NOT THROUGH THEM**, and goes to ground.

A lightning bolt that hits you or your motorcycle is a different matter entirely.

Let me give you an idea of magnitudes we are dealing with here. The master fuse on your bike handles about 30 amps before it blows. An average lightning bolt produces a current of about 20,000 amps. Even 30 amps can easily kill you because it disrupts your heart's electrical system and the heart then simply stops working. Your heart doesn't stand a chance against a lightning bolt.

Anyway, if you are out in the open on your bike when lightning flashes begin, and if you can hear the thunder caused by those flashes in less than three seconds from when you see the flash, it's time to stop your bike and get off it.

- Immediately find low ground, but **NOT** under a single or small group of trees.

- Squat on the ground with your legs together, head lower than back, but NOT touching the ground. Do NOT lay on the ground.
- LET YOUR CLOTHES GET WET!!! (In this way, if you are hit the majority of the electricity will follow the moisture of your wet clothes around your body.)
- Do not get up until thunder following a lightning flash is AT LEAST five seconds after the flash. (Which means the lightning struck more than 1 mile away.)

Incidentally, lightning can, and DOES, hit the same place twice - frequently.

If there are more than 5 seconds between the lightning flashes and you're hearing that thunder, head for shelter. This is the only time trying to ride out from under an electrical storm makes any sense.

Best shelter, of course, is a hard covered surface connected to ground with metal. Get under it and wait out the storm.

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If you going for a ride please call/contact other members and see if they would like to go with you.

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

## Chaplain's Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain  
Blue Knights WVII**

## Quartermaster

Chapter items are at the clubhouse. If you need something contact me or one of the staff at the clubhouse. We have a lot of items on sale, please purchase something today.

If there is an item you think we should reorder or make a new item please contact me or Donna.

**Rene Noe**

## \*Joke for the Day\*

How many optometrists does it take to change a lightbulb?

Is it one or two? One ... or two?

What do you give a man who has everything?

Penicillin.

A salesperson came into an office one day and said, "This computer will cut your workload by 50%!" The office manager replied, "Great, I'll take two of them!"

Our computers went down at the office today, so we had to do everything manually. It took me 15 minutes to shuffle the cards for Solitaire.

# From Membership

None

## UP COMING EVENTS

### 2024 EVENTS

July

**2024 50<sup>th</sup> International Convention:** Hosted by Hosted by a committee for the Blue Knights International, host hotel is Sugarloaf Mountain in Carrabassett Valley, Maine. July 21-July 26, 2024. All rooms at resort are booked but there are many condos still available. The registration for the event is \$225.00 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.bki2024international.com](http://www.bki2024international.com) or check it out of the Blue Knights International website, [www.blueknights.org](http://www.blueknights.org). Host hotel is fully booked. Call Sugarloaf Resort Hotel at 1-800-843-5623, Mon-Fri 8am-4pm to reserve your condo.

**2024 MDC Fall Conference/48<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Rally (Nighty Knights Theme);** Culpeper, VA, Aug 30 - Sept 2, 2024. Hosted by VA II, Baymont Hotel, 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 \$105.00 per person. Contact Dan Rivard 703-314-1012 or [VA2@blueknights.org](mailto:VA2@blueknights.org).

**Sick, Ill, or in Distress:** No members notified me of anything for here.

**Drawing:** June drawing was \$5.00. Brother LePera's name was drawn and he was present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. The July drawing will be \$5.00.

**Members Present:** Lewis Stevens, Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Mike Neely, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Ron Watson, Ronald Watson Jr, Bill Kacinec, Zach Kesling, and Ethan Kesling.

**Guest:** Becky Green.

**Online:** Susie Enoch, Ruth Stone, Bob Rhodes, Marge Lebron-Sher, Chuckie Diaz, Russ Harper, Doug Baker, Carlos Vazquez, Michael Scrivner, Kelli-anne Robinson, Pamela Poisson, Jane Watson, Rich Springer and Marty McNulty.

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7 PM.

Hey, just to let you know that if you are a Blue Knight member you can join the Justice Federal Credit Union for just \$5.00 and also get one of their credit cards.

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The advertisement features a blue and white color scheme. On the left, the text 'GIVE BACK' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below it, a smaller line of text explains the promotion. On the right, there is an image of a VISA Rewards credit card with a blue and white design. At the bottom, the Justice Federal Credit Union logo is shown, including a scale of justice icon and the text 'JUSTICE Federal Credit Union' and 'Federally Insured by NCUA'.