



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



March 2024 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

The annual Board meeting held on February 2, 2024. The board reviewed all records and asked questions. It appears the chapter is in good shape right now. Clubhouse funds are a little low but we have had a lot of payouts.

At the Winter MDC event West Virginia II missed receiving the plaque for the largest MDC chapter represented by 2 people. We were present with 10 people from our chapter. I would like to thank the following for attending 2024 Winter MDC, at Rehoboth Beach, DE. Thanks to Jim and Susie Enoch, Chuck Luzader and Ruth Medwith, Marshall and Linda Parker, Tina Benda, Zadah Talkington, Rexann Martin and myself. We had a few members that had to cancel their reservations. No problem maybe next winter conference at College Park, Maryland hosted by Maryland I.

As for the conference we have 1802 members in the Mason Dixon Conference with 60 chapters. At the winter conference there were only 4 chapters represented. That is only a 23% attendance of the chapters

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.

Membership 2024 dues have been paid.

At the March meeting the chapter voted to sponsor a flag football team as we have done for at least 2 years.

Remember that we are hosting the 2024 Spring Mason Dixon Conference in May which is not that far off, less than 60 days, so please get out there and get your door prizes or raffle items early.

Rexann and I want to wish everyone a very Happy and Enjoyable EASTER.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

I am going to ask each one of you to try and recruit another member for our chapter in the upcoming year. The chapter paid for the members renewal dues so let's show our pride and start getting some rides planned for the new riding season.

We have lost a few members for 2024. Two members no longer are qualified/certified as officers in the state and another left do to selling motorcycle and no longer in law enforcement.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

No matter how bad your day is your motorcycle will always make you feel better. Leave your worries behind and concentrate fully on the road and your surroundings. Motorcycling is not necessarily a means of transport but an ideology, a nomadic way of life. A good long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith and lower your stress level. No hour of life is wasted when it's spent on two wheels.

The chapter donated or sponsored the following at the March meeting:

Shinn's Run Baptist Church, Mountain Heart Camp, Roar Sports, Braxton County Little League Softball, and Champs Central Lucky Stars.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, April 11th, 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

Riding season will soon be upon most of you, and with such, there are a few things to be mindful of when breaking out the two wheeled therapist. For some the bike may have been truly stored & winterized, which will make the beginning cycle a bit easier. Others simply park the bike & maybe look at it every so often. Then there are those of us that never really put them away. Regardless of which category you may fall into, take some time on one the yet to come colder days & spend a little time giving it the once over. Find yourself a chair or a 5-gallon bucket, get up close & personal.

Treat your steed to a thorough once-over. This includes a nut-and-bolt safety check, fluid changes for powertrain and brakes, a battery load test, and inspections of the chain/belt and sprockets, tires, spokes, brake pads, electrical systems, and fuel systems. None of this requires you to be an ASE certified Master Tech. Check out YouTube, Google, or folks with the same style of bike as yours for helpful pointers & step by step.

Take time to check your personal gear also. It's better to find out now that the holidays were a little too good to you than fighting with the zipper on your favorite riding jacket when you want to roll out on that early spring

ride. Plastics degrade with time and use, so it's recommended to replace your helmet after five years. I would like to think you would then drape yourself in armored apparel and motorcycle-specific gloves and footwear. This doesn't mean becoming Captain Dork, but quality gear can enhance the enjoyment of the ride.

Above all else, when you do finally get out for a ride, remember that it's been a while since you've been on the bike. For some it may have been weeks-others months. There's going to be some rust & dust to knock off of the riding skills. Take your time & find your rhythm again. Take part in a skills workshop or find a parking lot to spend a little time practicing. Don't forget how the weather wreaks havoc on our riding surfaces. Cinders, salt, & potholes will abound as usual.

Whether disposing of miles in a group or burning the road solo, remember it's not always about the destination, enjoy the views, smells, & cob web clearing that our two wheeled passion affords us!

Ride with Pride, Walter Knight

Road Captains

The weather is going crazy this year so if you are going to get the bike ready to ride, please do your T-CLOCK and remember the debris that can still be on the road from the last snow treatment.

We, the Road Captains are hoping to get together and start on a few chapter rides for week days as well as weekends. If you have any ideas, please contact us so we might be able to work something out.

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

Chaplain's Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WWII**

Quartermaster

Are you wearing your Blue Knights shirts or hoodies? If not why not?

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

Mary was discussing the various aspects and possible outcome of an insurance policy with the clerk at the insurance agency. During the discussion, she asked, "Suppose I take the life insurance for my husband today for a million dollars, and tomorrow he dies? What will I get?"

The clerk eyed her suspiciously and replied, "Probably a life sentence."

From Membership

None

UP COMING EVENTS

2024 EVENTS

2024 Spring Mason Dixon Conference/Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Pipestem Resort State Park, 3405 Pipestem Dr, Pipestem, WV. May 24th – 26th, 2024. FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL: Pipestem Resort State Park, 304-466-1800; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE BLUE KNIGHTS GROUP. Rooms \$98.00 per night for standard room. Event registration is \$100.00 per person, and \$125.00 after April 15th.

2024 50th 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 or check it out of the Blue Knights International website, 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/48th Annual Blue Ridge Rally; Culpeper, VA, Aug 30 - Sept 2, 2024. Hosted by VA II, Baymont by Wyndham, 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.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: Sister Martin still recovering from Pacemaker surgery. Brother Martin is improving every day and is going to cardiac rehab three days a week. Brother Swiger is recovering from knee surgery. Brother Watson has the flu.

Non-member but supporter of the chapter and LE Brother...Update on Rick Barnhart, he is doing better and out of hospital. He is presently at River Oaks Nursing Home, Room 208, in Clarksburg and he is up walking a little each day.

Drawing: January drawing is \$10.00. Brother Randy Biggins name was drawn for the monthly drawing and he was not present. March meeting drawing will be \$15.00. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing.

Members in Attendance: Marty McNulty, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Don Wikert, Mike Neely, Fred LePera, Steve Hamling, Carmen Hamling, Zach Kesling, Rexann Martin, and Ed Martin.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, April 11th, 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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