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Chairman's Message

Spring Conference
2010

Greetings to all. Pat and I just returned safely from the Spring Mason Dixon Conference held in Townsend, TN. We hope everyone has made it home safely. Thank you, President Dave McCroskey and the entire TNIII Chapter for a great time.

We left our house in Johnson City, TN with my old partner Joe Herron and I on our bikes with Pat following in her car with

all her goodies to sell around 1pm. The rain was all around us so we decided to just bear with it since it was just 120 miles. 4 ½ hours later we arrived wet, but safe.

We made our way to the registration room where our registration packages were waiting. We were of course hungry and as expected, TNIII had food and drinks ready. We never thought twice about stopping since TNIII always has a Friday reception.

A real pleasure for Pat and I was again meeting so many new members, both from the MDC and from other Conferences just like the last Conference. The new members we met had a great time and said they would certainly be at the next Conference.

Sunday's meeting was once again informative and professional. We were honored to have several VIP's in attendance: Past International President Ronnie Young, Past International President Mike Ripsch, Past MDC International Rep Mike Hart, BOG Vice Chairman (and Tri-State Chairman) Lon Strayer, BOG Treasurer Mike Rickard, SRC Chairman Alex Ramirez, Indiana State Rep Glenn Wheat and Ill State Rep Gayle Murname. Of special appreciation was the attendance of Scooter Boyer from NYII and Frank Gillespie of MDI. Scooter has probably been to more MDC Conferences than most MDC Conference members, and Frank has probably ridden more motorcycle miles than most Blue Knights. Thank you all for joining us.

We held our Nominations for office and here are the results:

International Rep: Dan Moeser
Chairman: John Bull
Vice Chairman: Mike Pollinger
Treasurer: Richard Clark
Secretary: Keith Chase

The members will assume their positions at our next Conference meeting Labor Day weekend.

Our Chaplain, Mike Williams (MDI) will be providing input in this Newsletter. Please call or email Mike whenever there is a family misfortune or loss. The MDC Board will provide whatever assistance Mike needs while he helps comfort members in their time of grief.

We have again gained in membership. Vice Chairman John Bull has details in his report below, but we are less than 10 members from being the largest Conference. I have no doubt we will reach the goal of number one by the International Convention in July. Thank you again State Reps for your untiring work.

The riding season is in full swing. Please include Safety at your meetings and especially during your rides. Our Conference Safety Officer, DW Conners has a Group Riding package that any Chapter can use. Just ask DW to send it to you. If you want, the Conference will pay for the shipping back to DW. If you want more material, just contact DW. Let's make the 2010 riding season accident free.

Treasurer Mike Pollinger gave us encouraging information on Chapter dues. He has already received dues from over 80% of Chapters. Our balance is the highest it has been in the past 6 years. Thank you to all Chapters. We need your support so we can assist those who are in need.

If you have not paid your dues, please send it to Mike. If you need his address, just send him an email (mpbkde1@comcast.net) and he will provide it to you. Remember, the first page of this Newsletter has all Board members, State Reps, Safety Officer's emails addresses. Home addresses and phone numbers are not provided for obvious reasons.

One of our expenses is our Scholarship fund. The fund provides two \$500 awards to family members of MDC Conference Blue Knights. We are the only Conference that provides an educational fund. This was an idea by Past International President Ronnie Young (VAV) several years ago. This "fund" has caught the eye of International as they now have approved the same basic fund consisting of five \$1000 scholarships. Ronnie was on the committee and provided a large amount of input in writing the guidelines. The winners of this year's awards are listed below. Remember that International has now started a Scholarship fund. For detailed information please go to the International website.

A motion was made by Treasurer Mike Pollinger to donate \$1,000 to Brother Lynn Thompson from TNIII who crashed on Friday while assisting the Chapter in preparing for the Conference. At the end of the Conference Lynn's condition was very serious and tests were still being conducted. Since the Special Fund does not cover crashes of members who are attending their own event, the motion was made to donate the funds. WV2 also made a \$500 donation to Lynn.

Secretary Ed Martin (bkwv2@verizon.net) is asking for input to the Newsletter. If you want something in there you need to get it to him via email.

International Rep Eric Mines provided an overview of the past Int'l Board meetings since our last meeting at the Winter 2010 Conference. I urge everyone to read the minutes posted on the International Web site <http://www.blueknights.org> in the Member's Only section. This will give you all the discussion between the International Board members including Eric's input.

It is a pleasure to report that our next Spring Conference in 2011 will be in Rocky Mount, NC, hosted by NCXXI. Please visit their web site for all the information.

MDC patches and pins can be purchased from the MDC Quartermaster, Pat Moeser. Her contact info is: bikerman@chartertn.net, 423-232-8825.

My final word is to commend every member for their continued support of the Conference. It is such a pleasure to have Conference meetings where issues can be discussed in a professional manner and decisions can be made that are fair to all. Our Conference is one of the fastest growing both in membership and in participation. The most important issue is getting members to participate. While we certainly want more new members, we need to get our present members to more Blue Knights activities. As those of you that have attended know, once you have been to a BK function, you will want to go to more.

Thank you all.

Ride With Pride,

Dan...

Vice-Chairman's Message

Spring 10 Mason Dixon Conference Meeting

Congrats to TN III for the fantastic weekend, Darlene and I really enjoyed it. We managed to get in on Friday about 5 minutes before the rain started. On Saturday, we went for a nice ride through the Smokey Mountains and into Gatlinburg. Unfortunately Clingman's Dome was closed so we didn't get to see the view. We were able to spend some time at Newfound Gap. Sunday, after the meeting we made our way north in the heat. Glad to say we did not hit any rain at all

The Mason Dixon Conference began the year with 2,900 members in 73 chapters. Since that time we have added 3 new chapters and have 2 more starter kits out. Unofficially, we are about 9 members behind the tri-state. Several chapters stated at the meeting on Sunday they have added several new members. I have no doubt when the International Board meets in June we will have passed the Tri-State and become the largest conference.

I would like to officially welcome our three new chapters NC XXIV (Lenior), VA XIX (Lancaster) and TN IX (Cookeville). A state by state breakdown of our 76 chapters is as follows.

Delaware 1, Kentucky 15, Maryland 8, North Carolina 23, Tennessee 9, Virginia 16, West Virginia 4

If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a member but is not close to your chapter, pass them to the correct chapter. Also encourage your members to keep a current application handy somewhere on their bikes when riding. The latest application is on the International Web Site.

Each year the Mason Dixon is allotted \$500 from the International for Recruiting and Retention. So far no chapter in the MDC has requested money for the current budget. If you have any ideas for recruiting now is the time to try them. If your chapter does not have the fund to spend first let me know. The conference will front the money to any MDC chapter who needs it and we will worry about the repayment from the International later.

I have put together a two-sided handout for recruitment. One side is a poster for qualifications and contact information. The other side contains a history of the Blue Knights and the Mason Dixon Conference. Unfortunately, because of a printing

snafu the flyers were not available for Townsend. They will be ready in Culpepper, plus I will start to e-mail the template to all the chapters.

I would like to say that I have enjoyed being your Vice Chairman and look forward to being your next Chairman after the Fall Conference in Culpepper. Over the past two years we have had only a few issues to deal with as a Board. It is my hope that the Mason Dixon Conference will continue to grow and run even better. I do not plan on making any major changes as Chairman only fine tune a few things.

As your Chairman I am open and accessible to you the members. If you have a question or need info just ask. If I don't know the answer I will tell you and then do everything I can to find the answer.

Ride with Pride

John R. Bull, Jr.

Vice Chairman - MDC

Secretary's Message

We held our 2010 Spring Conference May 28 to 31, 2010 at the Valley View Lodge, Townsend, TN; hosted by TN III, they did a Great Job organizing the event and ordered pretty good weather. The hospitality was the great southern style that you always hear about and the food was excellent. I am sure that everyone had a wonderful time. The meeting on Sunday went good and the membership was brought up to date on a lot of information.

Chapters that were represented at the Conference were as follows: DE I, KY II, KY VII, KY VIII, KY XI, KY XII, KY XVIII, MD I, MD III, MD IV, NC II, NC VII, NC XIII, NC XVI, NC XVII, NC XVIII, NC XXI, NC XXIII, NC XXIV, TN I, TN III, TN VI, TN IX, VA I, VA II, VA III, VA V, VA XIII, WV II, and WV V. Please try and have someone from your chapter attend these conference meetings. We had 30 chapters present out of 76 chapters in the conference. If I missed your chapter no one let us know you were at the meeting. I would like to thank everyone for attending the event and making it a wonderful time for us. The 2011 Spring Mason Dixon Conference and meeting will be hosted by North Carolina XXI in Rockyport, NC, Memorial Day Weekend 2011, which will be May 27-29, 2011. The conference will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, Rockyport, NC. Make sure you make your reservations now and please pre-register with NC XXI. As soon as I get all the information I will send it out. So when you get it let's help them know how many are going to attend. The sooner you send in your registration the better it is for the hosting chapter to prepare. So for any event you are going to attend the sooner you pre-register the better for everyone.

Rexann and I would like to thank TN III for the wonderful hospitality. I'd like to thank everyone for coming and supporting our conference. I believe it was a true success.

If I forget something or you would like for me to add something to the newsletter please let me know.

Ed Martin
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Treasurer's Message

Just as everyone knew they would, the members and family of Tennessee III did a "**bang up job**" in hosting and making our 2010 Spring Conference a success from start to finish. Having assisted in putting on three winter conferences here in Delaware, I know very well what is involved and the efforts that go into the preparation and execution of hosting a meeting. Again, thanks to everyone involved for making our visit to your home area a very enjoyable one.

Bill Pruitt, Gail and I left Delaware on Thursday and, once we were past DC, had a very nice ride down into southwestern Virginia where we pulled in for the night. While the next morning supplied us great weather, the ride took a little bit of a turn when we stopped for fuel about 70 miles from Townsend. As we pulled off I-81 and I brought my '88 Harley Davidson Blue Knight Special to a stop, the chrome air cleaner decided to pop off onto the street. All I could do was put the side stand down, get off the bike and say as I picked it up from the side of the off ramp, "guess the ole girl wants a new part". We then continued and pulled across the street into the mini mart parking lot for our fuel and "minor repair". After calling TC Hicks and learning that the nearest Harley dealer was about 15 miles "behind" us, Bill and I used some of his wire to temporarily reattach the cleaner and then we were off to Colboch Harley Davidson in Morristown, Tennessee to complete the repair

correctly. Upon our arrival and learning that we were Blue Knights from Delaware and were enroute to our conference meeting, they immediately dropped everything and were able to get us back on the road within 90 minutes. A nicer group of guys and gals could not be found.

The remaining miles were very nice until we left the area of Pigeon Forge where we were met with heavy rain and driving winds for the rest of the ride into Townsend. It was nice to finally arrive and meet our old and new friends in the registration area and then get a nice shower and change for dinner. The skies cleared a little later and the weekend turned simply beautiful from that point on.

Friday evening was spent in the open hospitality area chatting with our many friends from various chapters of the United States as well as those from Canada who had come for the weekend. The relaxation continued into Saturday with gorgeous riding during the day and a great dinner and party that evening.

During our meeting on Sunday morning, I reported that our conference treasury is in good shape and a full report was supplied. A little over 80% of our chapters have already sent in their \$25.00 "MDC" chapter dues for 2010. Please keep in mind that your chapter dues help our conference with various issues that arise throughout the year, one of which is the scholarship fund that we have been giving out for the last several years. Reminders will be sent to those from whom I have not yet received dues and I would kindly request that the dues are paid or advise me if there is an issue of which we may not be aware that affects your ability in this venture.

As a result of our election process during our meeting, I am very proud to be afforded the opportunity to be your next conference Vice Chairman, this taking effect during the fall meeting in Culpeper. I will do everything possible to continue to be your voice to our Conference and International leadership whenever necessary. We continue to have what I feel is the best as well as one of the largest conferences in the organization. Our communication is second to none as it pertains to any issues that involve our conference chapters and this is attributed to the continuous work of your State Representatives and your Executive Board. I am confident that this will continue into the future.

As always, feel free to contact me via telephone or email regarding any conference finance issue or any other item that you may wish me to comment. Be safe while riding; doing a safety check on your bike (tire pressure, fluid check, etc) prior to taking it out.

Ride with Pride and hope to see you in Culpeper,

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International Representative's Message

Mason Dixon Conference Meeting May 30, 2010 International Representative's Report

Since our last meeting, the International Board of Directors met on February 23 and April 27, 2010.

Membership

As of 4/27/10 we have a total of 18,228 members in 600 chapters throughout the 11 conferences. Since the first of the year we have brought in 1,622 new members and 13 new chapters. Remember, there are funds available for recruiting efforts. Chapters need only document their recruiting expenses and submit a request to the International Vice President.

Now that the International Office has processed the renewal packages, they will begin working on requests for years of

service awards for members that have completed 20, 25, 30 or 35 years of membership with the Blue Knights.

Charity Stats

An update on the charity stats was not yet available as of our last meeting. Please remember that charity stats can be reported online in the members' only section. Please try to report this info as donations are made and not all at once. Please make sure that the information is complete as some reports have been received without even identifying the chapter.

BK News

The spring issue recently received was the first full color edition. There was a miscommunication with the printer that resulted in a non-glossy cover. This has been rectified and the summer issue will have the glossy cover. The next sales catalogue will be in the fall issue. Remember, you have until June 1, to renew your sales permits and send a request to BK News Editor, Mike Fletcher, to get items in the sales catalogue. Because of space limitations Mike Fletcher is currently considering a limit on the number of items one chapter is allowed in the sales catalogue. Also, kudos go out to Larry Abramson of TN-I for stepping up and sending out solicitations for ads in the BK News. If anyone knows prospective advertisers, please contact Mike Fletcher.

International Convention

As you are probably aware, the host hotel in Billings is sold out. There are now 12 alternate hotels listed on the convention web page. Of this 12, only two have prices that exceed \$100. MT-I has also negotiated a 10 to 15% discount at the two major campgrounds in the area. This information should also be on the convention web page by now.

As you know, bids to host the International Convention are due to the BOG by May 1 each year. As of April 27, only one bid had been received for the 2012 convention. That bid was made by TX-XXXIV in Tyler, TX.

Agenda Items

The proposal to create an International Scholarship was unanimously approved. As of our April 27th meeting however only one application had been received for the International Scholarship. Please make sure your chapters know that they have until June 1, 2010 to apply. There are five \$1,000 scholarships available.

The proposal to amend the Silver Dues Tier to include members with a break in membership was withdrawn.

The proposal to produce and distribute a chapter president's manual was withdrawn to permit the input of additional members. This will be brought back before the board when complete. We expect to see something at our June meeting.

Next Intl. Board Meeting

The next meeting of the International Board will be held on June 15, 2010. If anyone has an item that they would like brought to the attention of the board please let me know today because the deadline for submission of agenda items is June 1, at 0900 hours.

Internet Report

As you are aware I took over the conference web site in January 2007 with no training or experience because we had no one else to do it. Because of the different hats that I have worn, I have not had the necessary time to update the site as often as members would like. I appreciate the patience you have shown me since that time.

It is now my pleasure to announce that Stefan Hellersperk of NC XVIII has volunteered to take over as webmaster for the Mason Dixon Conference. Stefan brings a wealth of internet knowledge and experience, and he has already begun work on the site. Please give him your patience and support and I personally thank Stefan for stepping up to the plate.

Eric J. Mines, International Representative

*Advisor, International Safety Committee
(Former) MDC Web Administrator*

QUARTERMASTER REPORT

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Pat Moeser and I am the new Quartermaster for the Mason Dixon Conference. If my name sounds familiar, you may have talked to me to purchase TN6 items. The Conference has pins and patches available for \$5.00 each. And if you order 20 or more (pins, patches, or combination of both) - I'll ship them to you for free. Your items will be shipped as soon as payment is received. You can either contact me by email - bikerman@chartertn.net - or give me a call at 423-232-8825.

Pat Moeser
Quartermaster

State Representative's Message

DE REP

April 18th.: "Ride to the Tide - IV" - Completely escorted ride to benefit "Special Olympics". This year we'll have three starting points: University of Delaware, Newark; the Smyrna Rest Area, Smyrna; Seaford Harley-Davidson, Seaford. All ride will end at "Jake's Seafood" in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Registration can be done on-line at www.sode.org

May 22nd.: "Wheels for the Wall" - Completely escorted ride to benefit the Delaware Law Enforcement Memorial and C.O.P.S. (DE). Registration at Mike's Famous, New Castle, and Mike's Famous Smyrna (10 a.m.). Ride ends at the Northbeach Bayside Bar in Dewey Beach, DE.

Nov 14th.: "Blue Knights Toys for Tots Ride" - Completely escorted "27th. Annual" ride to benefit the Salvation Army. Details to follow

Albert Littleton
Delaware State Rep.

KY REP

All reports are that the winter conference was a great success as are all the conference meetings I have attended going back to when the conference was formed and I as a young, much younger man had the honor of being the first secretary/treasurer. Conference meetings then as now were filled with good times shared by people with a common interest motorcycling, law enforcement and charity.

Speaking of those three qualities Kentucky chapters are already making plans to continue the three this 2010 riding season. Kentucky XI has their COPS Run scheduled for June 19th and Kentucky VII has their COPS Run set July 17th. Kentucky II has their annual charity poker run scheduled for the second Sunday in June which is the 13th. I know several other Kentucky chapters have charity runs in the works. These just are the ones I have already received notice from. One other that is always scheduled for the second weekend of September each year is the "Ride to Remember" hosted by Kentucky XI. This year the second Saturday is the 11th of September. As in previous years it will begin at the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation Memorial site in Richmond, Kentucky.

Now is the time to fill out those department leave forms and start making plans to attend some of the best motorcycling events for the most deserving charity's, Kentucky Blue Knights events.

"Ride with Pride"

Ruben Gardner

NC REP

North Carolina currently has twenty three chapters and approx. 627 members.

Welcome North Carolina's newest Blue Knights Chapter, NC XXIV from Lenoir, NC.

North Carolina Chapter XIX hosted the 1st Annual Piedmont Heroes Ride in Winston-Salem. The ride was May 29th.

North Carolina Chapter II is hosting their annual Officer Down Ride on June 6, 2010 in Raleigh. The ride will start from Ray Price HD in downtown Raleigh. For more information please go to chapter II's website.

The Eastern Blue Knights regional meeting will be held on June 19, 2010 in Kure Beach, NC at "Big Daddy's Seafood". The meeting will start at noon. Big Daddy's is located on NC 421 South.

North Carolina Chapter XVII has lost a member to Heaven I. Charles Lee died after a long illness at his home in Jacksonville, NC. Charles was a retired police officer from New York. He loved riding with the Blue Knights until the very end of his life.

J.J. Lightner

TN REP

T.C. Hicks Tennessee State Representative *MDC Spring Conference Report from Tennessee*

Hello Brother and Sister Blue Knights,

I shut off the lights and locked the doors right before returning home from another fantastic Pigs In The Smokies, hosted by Tennessee III. Our Conference Meeting weekends are always a great place to be for both meeting other Blue Knights and catching up with those we already know.

Tennessee currently has 9 chapters. Our newest one is in the Cookeville area, TN IX. The new members are fired up and are enthusiastic about getting their Charter.

Tennessee III did an outstanding job with this years P.I.T.S event. There was plenty of food, drinks, live music, and of course an afternoon with Jack. I was able to arrange a History and Tasting of Jack Daniel's. The tasting was hosted by D&V Distributing and the Brown-Forman Company. They billed the event as their largest group tasting event and provided many samples along with key chains, bandanas, kick stand pads. They also hired their own photographer to record the event. Everyone that was able to attend hopefully came out with a little bit of history of Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey and some knowledge about the other companies Brown-Forman represents. A special Thank you goes out to those people that helped us including Mike and Jil from D&V, the Jack Daniel Girls, and Sheena the photographer. Current MDC Board members, International Officers, and Board of Governors in attendance were presented a special etched bottle with their names to commemorate their visit, and will hopefully be a proud trophy for their service to the Blue Knights Organization. These Board members put in many hours to keep this Club the best it can be.

The Middle and East Tennessee Concerns of Police Survivors held its' 5th Annual Ride on June 12. Several of the Tennessee Blue Knight Chapters participated with a great turnout. The ride started in Knoxville and went towards Chattanooga for a lunch stop and to add more riders. We then went to Mt. Juliet, just outside Nashville, for the finale. A group from TN V (Nashville) rode to Knoxville a day early for the start of the ride. Great job Tennessee Blue Knights!

I know many Blue Knights travel both to and through Tennessee every year. I encourage you to find a chapter near where you are going to be and give us a call a few days prior. A chapter listing can be found on the Mason Dixon Conference web site.

Tennessee III charter Member (1978), Lynn Thompson crashed while en route to the Pigs in the Smokies. Lynn spent several days in the special care unit at UT Hospital and missed all of the P.I.T.S.. He is recovering from his broken bones and lots of "Road Rash" and in the true Blue Knight Spirit is already getting out and about helping with the registration for the C.O.P.S. Ride. Lynn is walking with the assistance of a walker and still has some vision and hearing problems. We pray he has a full recovery. Lynn did ask that I thank every Blue Knight, Blue Knight Chapter, MDC Board, and the Board of Governors for their generous help during his time of need.

I look forward to seeing everyone over the Labor Day weekend in Culpeper, VA. The Virginia II chapter always puts

on a fun filled weekend, not to be missed.

A SPECIAL NOTE: Your Chapter needs to be represented at every Mason Dixon Conference Board meeting. The Conference meetings are held 3 times a year usually in February, Memorial Day weekend, and the Labor Day weekend. Sometimes we still have communication problems getting the information needed out to all of our members. Although the Chapter President (or designee) votes... every Blue Knight is invited to attend and enjoy the events. Chapters work hard to put on a great event for us. The registration prices are a great bang for the buck and we are always looking for more ways to give value to our members.

If you or your chapter has never attended a Blue Knight event, Convention or rally, take the time to look them up. You will not be a stranger since we all are Blue Knights. I have attended some events outside of our Conference and always felt at home. The GLRC and SRC historically put on some super events and may be closer to you than you know.

The only requirement is to have fun! Remember we are law enforcement that enjoys riding motorcycles in a fraternal organization. Hopefully we can eventually get every Mason Dixon Chapter represented at a Conference meeting. We are working hard to be the largest Conference.

There are a lot of advantages to being a Blue Knight. Sometimes you or your chapter just need to be informed of what all is out there for our members. Chapter Officers should pass on any emails, news, perks, etc. to their members. The MDC started a scholarship fund several years ago. The International just started one also. You may have members that qualify for these.

I received a letter and a phone call from Russ Harper. He asked if I would be a Director with the Blue Knights COPSRUN. It was an honor to accept the position. Ed Martin, WV II will be taking my position as an area coordinator. Congratulations, Ed!

In Closing, I want to thank each and every Blue Knight that makes this club the best LEMC. The Blue Knight Spirit is alive and well!

T.C. Hicks
Tennessee State Representative
Blue Knights® COPSRUN Director
Past MDC Vice Chairman
Past Tennessee III President

VA REP

We have 16 Chapters in Virginia and make up 21% of the total of Conference Chapters. Our showing at the Spring Conference was 5 out of the 16 Chapters (31%). We are still pending a new Chapter in Fries. Welcome...goes out to the latest chapter in Lancaster (VA-XIX)

Virginia-I made \$2000.00 for their sale of rally pins to be donated. Virginia-III has is annual Teddy Bear Run the first Saturday in November. If other chapters have items they would like published contact me and I will pass it around.

Additionally, as the State Rep, I am here to assist in any Blue Knights matters...if I don't know the answer, I can find it. I really hope to see more of the Virginia Chapters represented at the Fall Conference meeting over Labor Day...checkout the Rally tab at www.bkva-ii.org for details.

With my selection as the new Mason Dixon Conference Secretary, that takes effect at the Fall Conference, the Conference Chairman-Elect will be appointing a new State Rep sometime this summer to take my place at the Conference...please support the new appointee.

Keith A. Chase
Blue Knights - Virginia State Representative

WV REP

Hello fellow West Virginia Blue Knights, I am wanting to get updates on how your Chapters are doing? Information such as how many members you have now, any events going on and are there any questions that need to be addressed. If you can forward a brief summary to me so I can submit my WV State Representative Report for Blue Knights Mason-Dixon Conference this coming weekend. I would greatly appreciate it. If you can could you try and have the information to me by Thursday, 05/27/10 so I can get the report typed up? Thank you all for your assistance and I hope all is going well with your Chapters. Also on a positive note, we may be adding another Chapter in West Virginia in the Southwestern part of the State (Mingo and Logan County areas), there has been an interest brought to my attention and I am coordinating efforts to hopefully make this happen. Have a good and safe Memorial weekend and as always Ride With Pride.

I am extending an invite to all "local" Blue Knight Chapters for Bike Night 2010 in Martinsburg, WV. The event will be held on August 21, 2010. We are right off Interstate 81 at exit 13.

WV V will be having a hospitality room on Aug. 20 from 6p-11p at the Holiday Inn located on Viking Way and Foxcroft Ave. just off I-81 at ext 13. Erik Estrada aka "Ponch" will be a guest at this years event and will be available at the hospitality room for autographs and photos. They will have beer and refreshments. You must be a Blue Knight to attend. Rooms at a discounted price are available at the Holiday Inn. You may call 304-267-5500 for reservations and mention you are a Blue Knight in for Bike Night. We do have a block of rooms set aside. On the morning of the 21st, we will have a ride to some scenic sights in the area (Antietam National Park for instance).

The event will be held from 5p-11p on the 21st. But first you can enjoy a police escorted ride through Berkeley and Jefferson Counties. It will leave from Williamsport Pike at 4pm with registration from 12p-4p. We will arrive downtown at 5pm. They will have two bands playing from 5-11 and a beer garden with vendors and food.

This is a benefit to assist Hospice of the Panhandle for terminal patients.

If anyone has another organization that might be interested, please let them know about this event.

If anyone has any questions feel free to contact, VP WV V Gary Harmison at 304-702-2843 or Pres. WV V KC Bohrer at 540-303-3578.

Sincerely,

Bobby Ryan, State Representative West Virginia , Blue Knights Mason-Dixon Conference and Board of Directors, BK WV II.

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Mason-Dixon Safety Officer Message

Safety Article

Improving Your Riding Skills

Now is the time to improve your riding skills, it is just like life, a constant learning experience. The program I'm about to explain I have wanted to implement into MDC for some time. I'm willing come to any chapter and have a motorcycle skills practice workshop for the members. The workshop will last one day and consist of riding skills that those attending would like to improve or practice. If the chapter would like me to stay two days and have a bike maintenance day I would need a place to stay the night.

This is a chance for the members to increase their skills, learn from each other, and for me to broaden my knowledge and skills. It will also increase our fellowship. If your chapter would like to participate in this program please contact me by email or home phone. My cell phone won't work up on this mountain.

The only things needed for this is members with safety gear, their motorcycles, and a flat open area with permission to use it. Eric Mines and Dan Moeser have also volunteered to assist me with this when they are available. And everybody knows how good they are. I've already been contacted by two chapters, we only need to work out the details to make this happen.

This will be on a first come first serve basis but this is my year to ride so please contact me if your chapter is interested and we will try and accommodate you.

D.W. Conners
MDC Safety Officer

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