



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## August 2014 Newsletter

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

I hope everyone enjoyed our chapter picnic.

Also don't forget the chapter Halloween costume party October 25<sup>th</sup>, at Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. We would like to know how many members will be there also. This will be our first one and I hope we have several members that will attend. Our local FOP had one last year and we had a blast. Just don't ask Rexann about the Nun.

Ride With Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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

**Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, September 11th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at [Meagher's Irish Pub](#), 26 Betten Court, Bridgeport, WV 26330.** Have you forgotten to pay your dues for 2014? If so please get them in ASAP. Dues are \$25.00. We are getting ready to start asking for the 2015 annual dues and I hope everyone continues their membership in the new year.

Please ask another officer to come to a meeting or go for a ride with you and tell them about the Blue Knights. We have recruitment posters for you to put up at police departments so just ask for some.

I know some of you have already paid in advance so if you have that is great or if you are not sure contact Ed he will have that listed in the membership list. We have received dues from 39 of our 66 members. So if you have not sent yours in yet please do so soon. This year is almost over.

#### **Catch the fever.**

Ride With Pride

**Richard & Bridget Swisher**

### ***SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:***

**Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, September 11th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at [Meagher's Irish Pub](#), 26 Betten Court, Bridgeport, WV 26330.** We need all of our members to let others know when you go for a ride. We should be riding as much as possible.

For those members who still have not paid this year's (2014) dues please do ASAP because it's almost time for next year's (2015) dues.

Please let me or one of the officers know what you are doing or wanting to do.

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

***Ride Safe, Ride Smart and Ride with Pride. You are the faces of West Virginia II.***

**Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer**

## **ROLL CALL**

**Members at August 14th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, Ryan's, Clarksburg, WV.**

Marty McNulty, Gene Botting, Rexann Martin, Ed Martin, Cathy Conners, DW Conners, Marshall Parker, Fred LePera, Randy Biggins, Lewis Stevens, John McClung, Richard Eve, Walter Knight. Guests: Tammy Linger, Tsula Botting, Jennifer & Austin Prince, Linda Parker, Carol, Brandy Knight

## Chapter Safety Officer

### Gasoline Can Be Trouble

Depending on when you buy it

By: James R. Davis

It is time to fill the scooter up. There are gas stations everywhere and you happen to prefer a particular brand. You have always had good and consistent performance from their gasoline and always use the same grade.

Fortunately, there is a station just ahead sporting their logo.

- *Is that all you have to know?*

Usually. However, if you fill your tank at this particular station, now, you are asking for trouble in the form of bad performance and even repair bills soon!

But you have purchased gasoline from this particular station many times in the past, and will no doubt continue to do so.

- *Does that change anything?*

No. If you purchase gasoline from this station now you are asking for trouble.

You see, there is not a lot of room in the station just now as there is a tanker truck taking up a lot of space - or you just saw one leaving.

- *Space is a problem?*

No. But underground there are a set of huge tanks containing gasoline. And Water. And silt. And other 'stuff'.

The name brand station across the street has the same kind of underground tanks, and it would be FAR BETTER to buy your gasoline there just now.

- *Because they have the same kind of tanks?*

No.

- *Because they don't have water and silt and other 'stuff' in those tanks?*

No. Because a tanker truck is not sitting on the lot, or having just left.

- *Huh?????*

Most of the time the extraneous water and silt and 'stuff' in those tanks is safely settled to the bottom of those underground tanks. When you pump gasoline from them you are not getting virtually any of it into the tank on your motorcycle (or car.) And, despite the fact that your motorcycle has fuel filters and screens built into them, this is good because you would rather not have your engine stall because of a clogged fuel line, or get poor performance because of trying to burn water.

But when those tankers add their loads to those underground tanks they do a marvelous job of stirring and mixing up those tanks. It could take an hour or so for the adulterants to settle back to the bottom.

**If you see a tanker in the lot, or one is just pulling out, go to another station for your gasoline.**

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

# MDC Safety Officer

## Safety Tips When Riding

The following items listed are only suggestions as always. Try them and if they work use them, if they don't try something else. Some of us do engine braking when coming up to a red light waiting for it to turn green. By down shifting instead of using your brakes it saves your brake pads and rotors. The suggestion for this would be to tap your brakes a few times to let the vehicles behind you know you are slowing down.

If your motorcycle only has one tail/brake light the suggestion would be to mount an extra light on the rear of the bike. If that one light burns out and you don't know it the back of your motorcycle at night-time won't be seen by anyone.

When riding in a staggered group you should be able to see the face of the rider in front of you in his mirror. If you can't the suggestion would be to back off until you can. You are riding too close to that rider if you can't see the rider's face. The same goes for the rider behind you. Without turning your head using your peripheral vision you should be able to see their face. If you can't that rider is too close to you. Suggestion, back them off.

If you are going on a group ride with a new rider or someone that has been invited to ride with your group, I suggest that rider be positioned directly behind the lead rider. The reason for this is if something happens the rest of the riders would have time to react. If the rider is behind you and that rider dumps the clutch or rolls on the throttle out of control they could take out several bikes before you have time to react.

D.W. Conners

Blue Knights WV 2

MDC Safety Officer

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## Road Captains

### Pre-ride Briefing For Your New Passenger

S/he is the BOSS, but you set the rules

By: James R. Davis

Before I let a passenger onto my bike I host a briefing with them. I explain that so long as they are on my bike THEY are the boss - that if they want to slow down, or to stop, for any reason, we will do so. In other words, **the rider controls the bike while the passenger controls the rider!** I explain that it is not my intention to scare them, ever, while they are on the bike, but to help them enjoy the experience. In exchange for this there is a price: They have four jobs while riding as passenger, and they must agree to get on and off the bike only with the permission of the driver.

I explain the 'passenger twist' where they connect their helmet cord while facing the bike, then do a full turn clockwise so that the cord wraps behind them before they get on the bike. That they get on and off only while I am on the bike, which is in neutral, and have both feet down and the side stand up (this, because if the side stand is down and they plump themselves on the saddle they will compress the shocks and that will lever the bike to the right - possibly all the way over onto its side!) I nod and tell them it is OK to get on the bike when I'm ready for them. I do the same when I'm ready for them to leave the bike. Finally, I ask that when they mount and dismount the bike they try to keep their weight centered on the bike - that they not pull the bike towards them but, rather, push themselves towards the bike.

I explain that while we are moving they can talk to me if they want, and that they may use the PTT button near their left hand to talk on the CB, but as to moving around, I'd prefer that they pretended to be a sack of potatoes (actually, I tell them they can move about, just not suddenly) - that they NOT try to help me through the turns - that they not lean in anticipation or when we are in a turn.

I tell them that I have never had an accident, but that no matter what happens while we are moving, they are to keep their feet on the passenger floorboards and never, ever, try to touch the ground with their feet to try to hold up the motorcycle. I show them the saddlebag guard rails and point out that they are heavy steel, like 'roll bars', and will protect their legs only so long as their feet remain on those floorboards.

Oh, as to those 'jobs' they have:

- They are to wave at all motorcyclists approaching us in the opposite direction

- They are to wave at all policemen who are on their feet
  - They are to wave at all children that show any interest whatever
  - They are to demonstrate to the world that they are enjoying themselves, particularly at all rest stops!  
Failing any of those jobs, I declare, will result in them having a new job when the ride is over - the spokes. (There are no spokes on my Wing, of course.)
- As to my own personal rules while riding with a passenger:
- The only thing I want to 'show off' is that riding a motorcycle can be safe and enjoyable
  - I wish to challenge myself with the task of trying to shift gears without the passenger being aware of the activity (no head snaps in either direction.)
  - I want to start and stop with the passenger never quite sure that we have started to move or that we have come to a full stop - i.e., smoothness all around.

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**Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Rex Talkington, and John "Spot" McCloud**

## Chaplain's Corner

Following Ed and Rexann to Bowie, Maryland for the Crabfest I had one of those "near-misses" that could have been serious if not fatal. I had just changed from the left lane to the middle lane when a car suddenly started changing from the right lane to the middle lane and almost wiped me out. Thankfully I was able to quickly and safely move back into the left lane to avoid a collision. (When our safety officers emphasize being aware of your surroundings they are not just whistling Dixie, or Yankee Doodle as far as that goes.)

After I started breathing again my thoughts were quickly drawn to how delicate and how precious life is, especially when you ride motorcycles. I also thought about how easily I get caught up in the hustle and bustle of everyday life and in my own importance and forget about the little things in life, forget about its fragility. I often hurry through a day and cannot remember what I did. I was not aware of the preciousness of every moment.

I thought, "If I had not evaded the accident would I regret that I did not spend more time on Facebook, or would I regret that I was too busy to have coffee or a beer with a friend or to notice the laughter on the face of a child I saw at the mall.

I begin my morning prayer with "Jesus, I begin this day in gratitude for another day of life. I know this day is a special gift from you, so I open my eyes to the beauty of the morning, the splendor of your world, and to the wonder of your love and grace." The problem is that I often quickly forget how special this day is and start getting stressed over small, insignificant things.

I suppose God knows I need a reminder every now and then. That near-miss was a reminder to love and be thankful for every moment of life. Don't miss any of your life fretting the small stuff; life is way too fragile and too precious.

**Del Parris**  
**Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII**

## State Rep's Report

RIDE WITH PRIDE, RIDE SAFE,  
**MARSHALL PARKER**  
 WEST VIRGINIA STATE REP/ MEMBER WV II

# From Membership

Have a new business in Fairmont, WV that will give 10% off to Blue Knights members with their membership card.

**M & J CYCLE WORKS** (Michella & James Nuce, Owners)

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## UP COMING EVENTS

### **2014 West Virginia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates:** “Motorcycle Ride and Feed”

West Virginia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates, Date: Sunday, 14 September 2014 (rain or shine), Location: Camp Dawson Kingwood WV. Registration: 1200 to 1300 - Kicks Stands up at 1315 Hrs. Costs: Ride, Steak Feed, drawings and t-shirt: \$ 25.00 LEOs and retired LEOS (per bike), \$ 10.00 per passenger for steak dinner, \$ 30.00 all others (per bike) Ride, drawings and t-shirt: \$ 15.00 per passenger for steak dinner. This year the West Virginia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates will host its 2nd annual “Motorcycle Ride and Feed”.

- Riders will take an escorted ride through scenic West Virginia departing at 1315 and returning at approximately 1700.
- There will be a steak feed with all the fixings immediately after the ride for those who pay (must pre-register for steak feed by email to K.C. Bohrer or Ron See so we can get a count for steaks)
- Riders will be given a drawing, ticket, t-shirt and a gift bag of other items.
- 50/50 tickets will be sold
- Proceeds will go to the WV Chapter of the National Academy.

Ride is open to all LEO's (active and retired), Blue Knights members and friends of Leo's. This is a military reservation and proper ID will be required.

- Lodging is available the night of the event or previous night on a first come first served basis for LEOs (active and retired) only because of this being a military reservation at a cost of \$54.00 per night (approximate).
- Contact Camp Dawson Billeting at 304-791-7001 or [billeting@cdmwr.com](mailto:billeting@cdmwr.com)
- Riders will be required to register and sign a liability release waiver at registration

For advance registration and further information, contact either K.C. Bohrer at [wv5pres@gmail.com](mailto:wv5pres@gmail.com) or Ron See at [ronsee@hardynet.com](mailto:ronsee@hardynet.com).

**2014 West Virginia II, Saturday, October 24th, 2014**, West Virginia II chapter Halloween Party (COSTUMES preferred) at Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg, at 7 PM. Please call and let us know if you will be attending.

**2014 West Virginia II, Friday, December 12th, 2014**, West Virginia II chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Meeting at 6 PM and Party right after the meeting.

**2015 Winter MDC Conference**, Danville, VA, February 13 - 15, 2015. Hosted by VA XIII, Comfort Inn & Suites, 100 Tower Drive, Danville, VA, 434-793-2000. \$75.00 per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Contact Keith Johnson 434-429-2531, [bkshriner@verizon.net](mailto:bkshriner@verizon.net)

**2015 International Convention, July 19-24, 2015**. Reno, Nevada. Hosted by Nevada II. Host Hotel: El Dorado Resort Casino, 345 N. Virginia St, Reno, NV 89501. Telephone 1-775-786-5700. More Info to come.

### **Sick - Ill or in Distress:**

### **Month Meeting Locations**

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BLUE KNIGHTS WVIII



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**Ride With The Cops XII**  
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**Participant's Acknowledgement**  
**and Release of Liability**

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Rider/Operator \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger \_\_\_\_\_

Operator's License Number \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Motorcycle Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

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Payment is \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 day of ride per rider. Participation in benefit ride, entry into post ride event and food and beverages at Buddy's, and one official ride t-shirt are included with payment. Additional shirts are available for \$15.00 each.

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Blue Knights WV III  
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C/O Randy Spears

You can also drop this application off at Huntington Police Department, or Buddy's Barbeque

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Rain Date: Sunday October 5th



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