



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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

I want to thank everyone that helped with the Annual Chapter Picnic and attended the August Meeting. Meeting was a little long but had a lot to go over. Picnic started a few minutes late with the food but we had some great food. If you missed it you should kick yourself on the back side. Thank all of you for attending and bringing your family. This is just one of the things that the Blue Knights are about.

Also we will be nominating officers for our chapter for the next two years (2016-2017). If you want to run for office please let us know so we can get the information out to all the members. We must have at least six (6) officers. The office of Secretary and Treasurer can be held by one person. If we have separate officers for those offices then we will have seven (7). Remember this is your chapter so please help keep it moving forward. I will be emailing the way the nominations are held to everyone that I have email addresses for. Please take a minute to read over them.

There are a lot of events and things still to do this riding season. In September there is the Mason Dixon Conference (meeting) in Culpeper, VA (Labor Day Weekend). The National Academy FBI Run at Camp Dawson (Kingwood) on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>. Also there is Maryland V hosting the Pigs on the Beach at Ocean City, MD on September 25 through 27<sup>th</sup>. It is at the Francis Scott Key Hotel. I have been to all of these events at one time or another and you will be happy with any or all of them. The last few years we have attended the FBI NA Run out of Camp Dawson and it has always been a grand event. K.C. Bohrer has always made this a fun event and with the changes this year I'm sure it will be even better.

In October there is the Tri-State Conference (Oct 9-11), there is KORT (Knights of the Round Table) in Vineland, NJ. KORT is the meeting of the Blue Knights, Red Knights and Green Knights and held just to get all the Knights in one place and have good fun and fellowship. We will also be having our chapter Halloween Party on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, so please contact Brother Gene Botting about attending this event.

As of Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, I have not had anyone interested in being on the Christmas Party Committee for 2015. So I am not sure we will be having a Christmas Party this year. Except for last year (2014) I have been just about the only one that has been working on the event. It would be great to have a few members get involved with this event. The last couple of years we have had a few members (Ethel Tyler, Marty McNulty and Rexann Martin) help with the shopping which is a great help. So it is up to you the membership to let me know what we are going to do this year.

Again, I want to thank Brother Rick Eve and Brother Walter Knight for the work they put into the Chapter Picnic. Also I want to thank everyone for attending and bring such good food. It truly was a great time.

I also want to thank DW Conners for going out to all the chapters on the east coast that he travels to and help with the Safety Training. Not only does he represent the Mason Dixon Conference but also is a great representative for our West Virginia II chapter.

If you are thinking about attending the 2016 International Convention in Harrisburg/Hershey, PA please make your room reservations now. The rooms are going fast. I saw on the internet that a member said the host hotel is full. That has not been confirmed.

Contact me and I will give you all the info I have or you can go to [www.blueknights.org](http://www.blueknights.org) and get the information there. Registration for the event is \$110.00 until December 31, 2015, after that it goes up to \$135.00 then starting March 1, 2016 it goes to \$160.00. So the sooner you decide the better price you get. Your room rates are all different at the different hotels so you better get on the stick.

Ride With Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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

**Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 19:00 hours, (7 PM) at Jerry's Restaurant, 242 Barrett Street, Grafton, WV 26354.**

Remember that if a couple of you are just going to do a ride for a couple hours or a group ride to work please call or email one of the board members so we can get you listed as a group/chapter ride event. You need to have at least one event attended in the year to keep you status for membership under the new bylaws. That means any Blue Knight event anywhere, a chapter group ride like two or more members riding their bikes to work and back, taking a short ride for an hour or so. If you have time to call several members that is great if not and it is just a couple of you that is fine. You must notify one of the board members to get it noted as an official ride. It appears that we have about 30 members that have not made the ride, event or meeting list. If you have made a ride or event please let me or another board member know ASAP/

### Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride, *Richard & Bridget Swisher*

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

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Please take time to read over the newsletter and all emails that you receive. We might be having a little communication problem. I know that the President sends out a lot of emails but don't just delete them look them over and send a reply that you will be going or not going on an event/ride or that you vote yes or no, or whatever the email is about. We are not sure that everyone is getting the information that is being sent out. By you replying it will let us know that you are getting the information. Thank you for listening (reading) this newsletter.

We have made a lot of donations this year and it appears that we will have a few more in the list by the end of the year. Please do your best to make a meeting.

We need all of our members to let others know when you go for a ride. We should be riding as much as possible.

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 meeting: Marty McNulty, Fred LePera, Lewis Stevens, Randy Biggins, Rexal Talkington, Eugene Botting, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, James Enoch, John McCloud, Walter Knight, Ethel Tyler, Greg Hoskins, Robert Fisher

## **CHAPTER SAFETY OFFICER**

### **Getting Pulled Over | Talk It Out | Street Savvy**

*By Marc Cook*

You didn't see The Law heading the other direction at light speed until it was too late. But The Law has seen you. A tap of the brakes, a quick trip across the median and he's on the way to have a nice little roadside chat with you. Wonderful. You know you're going to have a conversation, and you probably already know exactly why you're going to have it. So the burning question is: Can you do anything to get out of a ticket? Are there any surefire ways to get let off with a warning instead of a piece of paper?

No. At least nothing that will absolutely, positively work every time. But there are tactics you should use in every encounter with police or the highway patrol to aid your chances.

Be calm. Acknowledge the fact that you're being pulled over with a wave if you're being followed and by nodding should the officer come up beside you. Smooth, easy movements; just let him know that you know your next destination is the side of the road. On that note, pick a safe spot where the bike won't get mired in sand and where he has sufficient room to park the cruiser. If you've been tagged by a motor officer, provide him room and a reasonable surface to stop his bike.

The next minute is critical. Stop the bike, turn off the ignition, set the bike on the sidestand and slowly get off the bike. Stand on the side of the bike away from the road and open your helmet visor. Keep your hands in view. What you're doing is assuring the officer that you're not going to run, or produce a weapon from your jacket or luggage and cause him physical harm. Your sole goal at this point is to put the officer at ease.

Cook utilizes respectful behavior, proper gear and a fair share of gray hair to talk to an officer.

Don't talk. The officer will begin the conversation, usually asking for license and registration, though sometimes you may be asked to remove your helmet before you get to that stage. Again, do it slowly. Before going for the license, tell him where it is before you reach for it. "Yes, sir. It's in my wallet, back pocket." After handing over your license, let him know where the registration and insurance paperwork is. Produce it with a minimum of fuss; a big portion of getting through the next few minutes with the benefit of the doubt is to have all your paperwork in order. If you're riding on an expired license or registration, don't have a motorcycle endorsement, or can't find your insurance paperwork (for states with compulsory insurance), you're most of the way to getting some kind of ticket, if only because you seem to say, "I don't care about the law."

"Yes, sir" and "No, sir" like crazy. Confrontational behavior will only be met with more of the same. Do not admit to any speed. Sometimes, that "how fast do you think you were going?" question is a fishing expedition. Don't bite. Worst of all is flat-out lying. If you've been doing 80 mph, don't try to say you were going 60. Traffic officers pride themselves on being able to judge speed at a glance, and the best ones can guess within 2-3 mph of actual. You are not going to win that argument.

Show remorse. Unless the officer has retreated to his heated/air-conditioned car to write the ticket, stand there and apologize for your stupidity. If he says you were going 80, the best thing you can say is, "Geez, that seems kinda dumb, huh?" Answer his questions in a forthright way, succinctly. Then stop talking. A pause in the conversation as he stands there with your license in hand, looking over you and your motorcycle means he is probably thinking about letting you off. Don't change his mind by saying something dumb. No doughnut jokes, ever.

This is human nature in action. If you seem reasonable and sincere, and don't act like the kind of fool who would serially run triple digits in a school zone, you stand a decent chance of getting a warning. Proper, complete gear, a bike that's not the latest 190-horsepower beast and a bit of gray hair are also helpful. And if you do get a ticket, hold your argument for court. No whining to the cop.

## Ride With Pride, **Walter Knight**

# MDC SAFETY OFFICER

**August, 2015**

### **"Part Two" Group Riding**

Like all other Safety Articles I only make suggestions. All this information comes from riding motorcycles, motorcycle training, and information from other motorcycle groups/riders. Some of this information has been in past Safety Articles, but there isn't anything wrong with a reminder when it comes to safety.

Before you go on any ride of any kind you should perform something that MSF calls a T-Clock. Look at the tire tread, make sure they're not cupping, foreign items in your tires (nails, rocks, etc.), check the air pressure. If tires need to be replaced get it done now so you won't have a blow out in a curve or in the middle of a ride which could put you in the hospital or kill you. Inspect your brake pads, check for loose spokes if your bike has them, cracks or dents in your rims.

Check all your controls (levers, switches, cables, hoses, and throttle). Make sure all items work smoothly and that all of your hoses are in good condition and not dry rotted or cracked.

Make sure all lights and electric items are working correctly. You don't want to get rear-ended because you forgot to check your lights and your brake light weren't working. Even worse is you're out riding and night time comes and you don't have any lights.

Check your oil and all other fluids and make sure they are at the correct level and don't have any leaks.

Check your chassis (suspension, drive components, chain, belt, or driveshaft).

Check your stands (side stand and center stand). A good way to hurt yourself or drop your bike is be somewhere and try to put your side stand down which you forgot to check if it was working freely.

Make sure you are well rested before starting a ride. If you take any kind of medicine make sure you have taken it or have it with you. Pack your bike with gear you might need during the ride (rain gear, warm clothes, etc.). Remember it's better to have it and not use it than need it and not have it. The best way to be prepared is have a check-off list that is suitable for you. That way you don't forget anything. Make sure cell phone has a full charge or have a plug-in on your bike. If you're carrying any items on your bike make sure they are very secure. If you have a large backpack or a passenger on the rear of your back it will act different in braking, curves,

etc. If you have a first aid kit put it in your trunk. If it's in your saddle bags it will decompose quicker because of the heat from the pipes and heat from highway. Also, if your bike goes down on your saddle bag you won't be able to get to your first aid kit.

If you leading the ride you should have a pre-ride meeting before ride starts. Inform the riders on the route you'll be taking, staggered riding, single file riding, hand signals, what to do in case of a accident, etc. If you are in charge of the ride you should have the following. The leader should have radio contact with tail-gunner or somebody close to him. You should have what I call a Roadrunner in front of Tail-gunner. The Tail-gunner is one of your best riders. The job of this rider is to get to the nearest phone quickly if you don't have cell phone service. The tail-gunners should have a first aid kit. If an accident happens it's the job of Tail-gunner and Roadrunner to assist with accident and the reminder to proceed to a safe area until notified to proceed on the remainder of ride.

On narrow country highways the riders should ride single file and a little farther apart. Remember following distance depends on several items, weather, road surface, etc.

Riding in the mountains in curves use the inside-outside-inside or outside-inside-outside, depending on the direction you are riding. When riding you have three tracks in your side of highway. The inside track (close to center of highway), inside track (center of you lane), and that is where most of highway trash is. The outside track (close to shoulder of road). You should try and stay in your track and not travel back and forth across the whole lane. If you do this it is dangerous because you have a certain amount of time between the bikes. If you travel into the other track the rider behind you has less time to react if something happens.

If somebody drops out don't everybody shuffle to file the empty space. The track lane that has a open space will have that lane of riders to move up when it is safe to fill that gap.

If you have new riders with you put them right behind the leader. This way if that rider makes a mistake it won't put the whole group in danger. If you have several three wheelers spread them out thru the group. It will make you more visible.

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# **ROAD CAPTAINS**

## **Group Riding: 17 Tips To Ensure Everybody Has A Great Day**



The engine purrs beneath you as a string of motorcycles snakes through the hills in front of you. With a quick look in the mirror, you see your buddy following close behind with a smile on his face that matches yours. The camaraderie forms because, at just this moment, you're all on the same page.

That's what a group ride is all about. It's an opportunity to share the open road and wonderful scenery with other like-minded people.

But like most motorcycle experiences, this one is best enjoyed by following a few simple guidelines that keep everyone safe. And that's the idea behind a new videotape put out by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation that focuses on group riding. You can get your own copy by visiting the MSF website at: [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org), but here are a few tips from the country's foremost motorcycle safety experts.

**1.** The first thing you want to do is organize the ride. This can be as informal as standing around in a parking lot, or as formal as a special meeting to hand out maps and cellphone numbers.



**2.** Remember that riding in a group does not mean you surrender any decision-making when it comes to your safety. Ride your own ride, and don't go any faster than you feel comfortable going.

**3.** When picking your route and the stops you'll make along it, consider the stamina of the group, the experience of all the riders, and the limits of the motorcycles in the group. Remember, these are your friends. If it's going to be a long ride, be sure to take a few breaks along the way.

**4.** You'll need to communicate while on the ride, so make sure everyone knows the signals you'll use.



**5.** When creating your formation, it's wise to have your experienced riders at the lead and running sweep. Consider positioning the less-experienced riders immediately behind the leader. This allows the front rider to adjust the pace if necessary.

**6.** Ideally, the sweep rider will have a cellphone to call for help if a motorcycle is disabled, or if there has been an accident.

**7.** If the goal of the ride is to keep the group together, the leader should only go at the pace of the least-experienced rider.

**8.** While riding, don't fixate on the motorcycle in front of you. Instead, remember your basic training. Look well through the turn to where you want to go.

**9.** If the group is riding faster than you are comfortable with, let the sweep rider know you're dropping out and ride at your own pace. So you may reach your destination a few seconds behind the others, but you will get there, and that's what's important. Keep in mind, it's all about fun.

**10.** All riders are also responsible for making sure their motorcycles are mechanically up to the task. Before you even meet up with the group, make sure you've got plenty of fuel in the tank, and that you've taken care of all those maintenance issues. Not sure what to check? Use [T-CLOCS](#). You really don't want to be the reason for stopping the group for something mechanical you could have prevented.

**11.** If it's going to be a large group, consider establishing a buddy system among the riders, or divide the group into smaller five- or seven-rider packs. That way, if something goes wrong, you don't have 25 motorcycles sitting on the side of a busy highway. Also, smaller groups can more easily navigate through city streets.



**12.** On the road, motorcyclists should have at least a 2-second cushion in front and behind them. If you want to keep the group tight, consider a staggered formation. Leave enough room per lane so each rider can maneuver side-to-side if need be. Avoid side-by-side formations as they shrink your space cushion.

**13.** Trikes and sidecars should stay in the center of the lane, and should be given the same amount of cushion as if they were a car.

**14.** As turns get sharper, or as visibility decreases, move back to a single file formation. You'll also want to use single file when entering or exiting a highway, at toll booths, or when roads have a rough or questionable surface.

**15.** At intersections where you've come to a stop, tighten the formation to side-by-side to take up less space. As the light turns green, or when traffic opens up, the bike on the left proceeds through the intersection first.

**16.** Remember we share the road with many other vehicles, and it's against the law to block an intersection.



**17.** When parking, try to get the group off the roadway as quickly as possible. If you can, arrange in advance to have pull-through parking at your destination, or at the very least, make sure there is ample parking for your size group.

Want more group-riding tips for your club or group? Order the MSF Guide to Group Riding video at [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org). The cost is \$15.00 for a video and a handbook.

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

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

While my ability to enjoy retirement has been partly due to the success of the stock market, the last few days I have been reminded that the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew ring true: "Do not lay up your treasures on earth where moths and rust corrupt and where thieves break in and steal." The stock market, as well as all of our material possessions, are subject to the arbitrary actions of others and to natural disaster. Consider the people who have just this year lost everything they own to fire, tornados and floods.

Life by nature is tenuous, and to base life on some foundation that is shaky does not help. The Psalmist warns, "Put not your trust in rulers nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them." We are certainly aware today that our political leaders give us very little reason to put confidence in them.

I have always thought the admonitions and teaching of the scriptures contained practical, common-sense advice. In the Ten Commandments God is simply trying to help the Israelites, and us, live together in peace and in simplicity.

To trust God and to place our faith in God as opposed to those things which are transient and untrustworthy is common sense. It is the secrete to a life of peace and joy even in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty. Hindu teachings suggest that most human anxiety comes from desire. i.e., wanting things that are unsatisfying in the end. Our economic prosperity of the last 50 years has

seduced us into thinking that is where our security lies. Watching the stock market and looking closely at the economic status of our country should convince us that it isn't so.

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

## **STATE REP'S REPORT**

IT APPEARS THE SUMMER HAS COME AND IS ENDING IN WEST VIRGINIA. THE FALL RIDING SEASON IS STARTING FOR THE BEAUTIFUL RIDES INTO THE HILLS OF OUR STATE. HOPE WEST VIRGINIA 2 GETS A MOUNTAIN RIDE GOING IN THE FALL SEASON.

THE YEAR STARTED OFF IN MAY WITH YOUR REP. WITH A MEET AND GREET WITH WV1 AND WV3 IN ELKINS ON MAY 21ST. BROTHER BOTTING AND BRADLEY AND I MET WITH MEMBERS AND HAD A VERY GOOD DINNER WITH THEM. MET SOME GOOD RIDERS. THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY TO THE WALL RIDE IN DC. ALL MADE IT AND RETURNED SAFELY BACK TO THEIR HOMES IN CHARLESTON AND HUNTINGTON AREAS.

ON JUNE 7TH. MEMBERS OF WV2 LED BY VICE PRES. SWISHER, MDC SAFETY OFFICER DW CONNERS, MYSELF AND WV2 MEMBERS. BOTTING, BRADLEY, LEPERA, CATHY CONNERS. ALONG WITH LINDA AND BRIDGET, MET WITH WEST VIRGINIA BLUE KNIGHTS CHAPTERS 1 AND 3, FOR THE TRIBUTE RIDE FOR VETERANS CEMETERY OF WEST VIRGINIA. IT WAS A GOOD RIDE AND WAS ADVISED ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO THE CEMETERY. PRES. CHAPTER WV1 HARRY CARPENTER ADVISED DAY RIDE RAISED \$3,300.00. THERE WERE SEVERAL BLUE KNIGHTS FROM AROUND THE STATE AND WE WERE MOST WELCOMED BY WV 1 AND 3 FOR RIDING DOWN. OTHER MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RIDERS AND NOTED WERE, THE BROTHERS IN BLUE, WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER AND IRON PIGS MC CLUB, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA. HAD VERY GOOD RIDE AND GOOD MEAL AFTERWARDS PUT ON BY THE CHARLESTON FOP LODGE. GOTTA ADVISE THAT BROTHER GENE BOTTING GOT A LOT OF ATTENTION FROM RIDERS ON HIS CHOPPER AND HIS HEAD GEAR. WV1 PRES. ADVISED GENE AND BIKE MADE LOCAL NEWS THAT NIGHT.

ON JUNE 11-13, WILD AND WONDERFUL WEEKEND KICKED OFF, PRES. ED AND COMPANY OF BLUE KNIGHTS AND VOLUNTEERS DID A GREAT JOB AS ALWAYS. THIS KNIGHT MET AND SPOKE WITH MANY BLUE KNIGHTS FROM AROUND THE UNITED STATES. THERE WERE MANY RIDES WITH MEMBERS OF WV 2. THOSE WHO HEADED OUT WITH RIDERS, DW CONNERS LED ONE GROUP, VICE. PRES. SWISHER LED ANOTHER, I THINK I AND LINDA WERE ON THREE DIFFERENT RIDES. ALL AND ALL WAS GREAT TIME. (HOWEVER AFTER SPEAKING WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF WV2 IT APPEARS CANAAN IS NOT AS FRIENDLY TOWARD BLUE KNIGHTS AS IN PAST. PRES. ED. AND DW ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO SEE IF OTHER SPOTS IN AREA THAT CAN BE USED BY WILD AND WONDERFUL).

ON JULY 26, 2015, MEMBERS OF WEST VIRGINIA 2 ROAD TO THE ANNUAL BLUE RIDE IN CANONSBURG, PA. PRES. ED MARTIN, VICE-PRES. SWISHER, MDC SAFETY OFFICER DW CONNERS, PAST STATE REP. BOBBY RYAN, MYSELF AND MEMBERS OF WEST VIRGINIA 2, REXANN MARTIN, CATHY CONNERS, GREG HOSKINS, GENE BOTTING, FRED LEPERA, WALTER KNIGHT AND LADYS OF KNIGHTS FROM WV2, BECKY RYAN, LINDA PARKER, BRIDGET SWISHER, BRANDI KNIGHT, TIFFANY HOSKINS. ALSO ON RIDE WAS TIFFANY HOSKINS FATHER (SORRY TIFFANY I FORGOT YOUR FATHER'S NAME) TIFFANY'S DAD BORROWED A BIKE TO ATTEND THANK HIM FOR US TIFFANY.

THE RIDE WAS GOOD, FOOD WAS GREAT. SOME RIDERS LIKED IT, SOME DIDN'T. THE TYPE OF RIDE, SLOW TO SOME NOT THERE CUP OF TEA BUT MADE IT TO GIVE A TRY. THE ONE PROBLEM WE AS WV BLUE KNIGHTS RAN INTO WAS, WE IN PAST HAVE RODE IN LEAD WITH PA XVI BLUE KNIGHTS AND THIS CHANGED THIS YEAR. IT CAUSED A PROBLEM AND WAS ADDRESSED BY THIS STATE REP AND PAST STATE REP. BOBBY RYAN. THE RIDERS WERE STATIONED AFTER 10:30 AM IN ORDER THEY CAME AND THE BIKES WERE COMING IN SO FAST, BY TIME ALL WAS FIGURED OUT TO MOVE WOULD HAVE BEEN A MESS. HERE IS THE POINT THAT MOST OF US HAVE MISSED IN PAST BLUE RIDE, AND WAS BROUGHT UP IN MEETING OF BLUE RIDE ORGANIZATION. THIS IS A CHARITY RIDE... NOT A BLUE KNIGHTS ONLY RIDE. IT IS CO-SPONSORED BY TWO ORGANIZATIONS AND IS DONE TO RAISE MONEY AND HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH GOOD MEAL AT END. WE JUST GOT A LITTLE SPOILED AND FORGOT TO READ THE FINE PRINT UNDER ANNUAL BLUE RIDE. IT WAS STILL A GOOD DAY RIDE WITH OUR CLUB MEMBERS AND AFTER MYSELF AND BOBBY ALONG WITH ED AND OTHER MEMBERS AFTER COOLING DOWN CAME UP WITH, HEY GOOD RIDE WV2 MEMBERS WERE THERE STRONG IN RIDE AND MOST WILL BE HERE FOR NEXT BLUE RIDE. SOME WILL, SOME WON'T THAT'S UP TO THEM AND THERE REASON TO OR NOT TO IS EACH MEMBERS CHOICE. HOWEVER I REALLY LOOK FOR BLUE KNIGHTS TO BE PLACED IN FRONT NEXT YEAR BUT THAT'S JUST ME. THERE WAS SOME TALK OF 1% RIDERS IN MIX BUT I SAW NO COLORS OF OUTLAW BIKERS. SOME MAY HAVE I DID NOT SEE ANY.

THE SUMMER PICNIC SEEMED BE A GOOD ONE ACCORDING TO MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED. LINDA AND I HAD

OTHER FAMILY GATHERINGS GOING ON AND DIDN'T MAKE IT. HELPED GET OUR GRAND DAUGHTER OFF TO MARSHALL UNIVERSITY, THEN WENT TO SEE OUR GRANDSON AFTER TWO YEARS IN TENN. THEN WE WENT TO GATHERING OF KHE SANH, 1968 VIET NAM VETS, IN SAVANNAH,GA. HAD A GOOD TIME. MET GUYS HAVEN'T SEEN IN 47 YEARS. I TALKED TO BLUE KNIGHTS IN WV 2. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL RIDES BY MEMBERS IN AND AROUND STATE THIS YEAR. DW IS OUT THERE NOW HEADED FOR NEW YORK AND HAS BEEN BUSY ALL SUMMER, FRED AND GENE HAVE BEEN RIDING ALL OVER THE STATE, WITH MANY OF WV2 JOINING IN. PRES. ED. ADVISED THEY HAD GOOD TURN OUT OF WV2 IN LAST POKER RUN, SO AGAIN LOOKS LIKE MEMBERS ROAD THIS YEAR. PRES. ED AND I HAVE RECEIVED WORD FROM A MEMBER OF NEVADA 2, WHO HAS MOVED BACK HOME TO WEST VIRGINIA. BROTHER BLUE KNIGHT, ROBBIE ROBINSON, MEMBER OF NV II HAS CONTACTED US AND REQUESTED MEMBERSHIP AND WANTS TO HELP RESTART WV 4. BROTHER ROBINSON LIVES IN FOLLANSBEE, WV. MOVED BACK FROM CARSON CITY, NV. HE IS IN NORTHERN WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER 4 AREA WHICH DROPPED MEMBERSHIP A FEW YEARS AGO. PRES. ED AND I HAVE TALKED WITH THIS MEMBER AND INFO HAS BEEN PASSED TO MDC CHAIRPERSON MIKE POLLINGER. ED AND I WILL MEET WITH MDC CHAIRPERSON POLLINGER AT UPCOMING MDC MEETING AT CULPEPER IN SEPT. TO HELP GET BROTHER ROBINSON ON HIS WAY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WEST VIRGINIA.

IF I HAVE MISSED ANY REPORT OR NAMES OF RIDERS IN THIS REPORT SORRY FOR THAT. HOPE TO SEE YOU IN CULPEPER,VA AT MDC MEETING.

RIDE SAFE, RIDE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.IF I CAN HELP PLEASE LET ME KNOW.HOPE TO GET A FALL RIDE IN OUR STATE GOING. SEE YOU IF NOT AT CULPEPER,VA THEN AT NEXT MEETING IN GRAFTON, WV.

RIDE WITH PRIDE, RIDE SAFE,

**MARSHALL PARKER**

WEST VIRGINIA STATE REP/ MEMBER WV II

## From Membership

### Welcome ALL members and Guests to the Blue Knights West Virginia II Halloween Party

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 6:00PM - Dinner @ 7:00PM Days Inn and Suites, 112 Tolley Drive, Bridgeport, West Virginia 304-842-3904

#### AGENDA

All members and guests are cordially invited to the annual BKII Halloween Party. Please RSVP by 1 October with your menu choices. There will be plenty of food, as seconds are a given with this bunch, but the chef just wants to know how much of each entrée and sides to prepare. There will be three choices. Also, there will be beer, coffee and water available, but please tell us what you would like as soft drinks or set ups, etc., as everyone can be easily accommodated if we know ahead of time. Days Inn doesn't have a bar, but please feel free to bring a wee dram of your personal poison if you'd like. They do ask that any adult beverages be consumed in the room, and not in the hallway, parking lot, etc.

It's still WAY early, and we have plenty of time for adjustments. Any suggestions, hints, ideas, etc., that you may have PLEASE send them on. It's not our biggest event, but it's going to be a good 'un! Updates will be provided as new ideas may be adopted.

We currently have a 50 person room reserved. However, we have been offered a reduced rate on a 150 person room for that evening. We will be looking at it next week, and if more suitable to our needs, may well take it. More elbow room, etc.

please note - ALL members are welcome, RSVP or not - however, if you don't, you may well have to go over to the burger joint to eat. This is a HUNGRY crew! Thou hast been warned!

#### MENU

Jamaican Jerk Chicken, Cheesy Chili beans, Steamed Corn

Smoked Venison Roast, Sautéed red potatoes w/onions, Green Beans

Baked Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Steamed mixed vegetables (Broccoli, carrots & cauliflower)

Breads, assorted desserts (She's still making her mind up about those)

**RSVP Contact** Gene Botting, Committee Chair 304-873-1014 or [eugenebotting@gmail.com](mailto:eugenebotting@gmail.com) or There's always Facebook!



# UP COMING EVENTS

**2015 MDC Fall Conference**, Culpeper, VA, September 4 - 7, 2015. Hosted by VA II, Best Western Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253; Blue Knights Virginia – II; P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Rally, theme is “Western Knights”. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823.

**2015 NAFBI Run**, hosted by NAFBI and WV 5. Ron See (WV V VP) and I again will be helping host the **FBINA** ride at Camp Dawson. It's beautiful country and a nice ride. This year we are looking to do a poker run format and checking with Triple S Harley to help support and promote. Chuck Porter is looking into that. Lot of undetermined items at this point but please "save the date" of 19 September (Saturday) in your calendars. There will be cheap room rates for Friday and Saturday night available at Camp Dawson and we will have a feed of some sort. K.C. Bohrer, President, WV V Blue Knights, [wv5pres@gmail.com](mailto:wv5pres@gmail.com). Captain (retired) WV Deputy Sheriff, FBI National Academy 182<sup>nd</sup>, Investigator, Frederick Co, VA. 540-771-0111

**2015 West Virginia II Halloween Party**, Days Inn & Suites, , 112 Tolley Drive, Bridgeport, West Virginia, Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ 6:00PM - Dinner @ 7:00PM. Contact person is Brother Gene Botting. 304-873-1014 or [eugenebotting@gmail.com](mailto:eugenebotting@gmail.com)

**Sick - Ill or in Distress:** Doug Baker is recovering from a vehicle accident about a month ago. Keep him in your prayers.

## **Drawing**

Drawing at August 2015 meeting was for \$10.00. Brother Marshall Parker name was drawn and he was not present so the September meeting drawing will worth \$15.00.

## **September Meeting Locations**

**Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 19:00 hours, (7 PM) at Jerry's Restaurant, 242 Barrett Street, Grafton, WV 26354.**