



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and getting in as much riding as possible. Please call or email another member so we can also enjoy a ride with you. The chapter is what you the members make it. Please get involved by taking a ride together, attending a meeting or attending another chapter's event. If you have not attended another Blue Knights Chapter event you don't know what you missing. I am sure that by the time the event is over you will not be a loner but a true friend and brother. Also we have our chapter picnic coming up in August at the Shinnston Pool, so please let me know if you and your family are attending. We want to make sure we have enough food for everyone. Chapter will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers; we are asking members to bring your favorite covered dish.

Also don't forget the chapter Halloween costume party in October 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, August 14th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at Ryan's Restaurant, 519 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV. Have you forgot to pay your dues for 2014? If so please get them in ASAP. Dues are \$25.00. I hope everyone continues their membership.

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, August 14th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at Ryan's Restaurant, 519 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV.

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

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

All bills are paid and chapter doing good.

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

Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer

ROLL CALL

Members at July 10th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at the Hickory House, Jane Lew, WV.

Marty McNulty, Bill Bradley, Cathy Conners, DW Conners, Richard Swisher, Marshall & Linda Parker, John McCloud, Fred LePera & Carol, Eugene & Tsula Botting, Bobby & Becky Ryan, Bob & Tara Fisher, Rick Eve, Del Parris, Randy Biggins, Rexann Martin, and Ed Martin..

Chapter Safety Officer Practice, Practice, Practice

'Skill' is often no more than CONFIDENCE

By: James R. Davis

Some time ago I was riding with a group down a back-country road when our group leader decided that we needed to perform our 'mandatory' U-turn. The road had two lanes (one in each direction) and there was no oncoming traffic.

With only one exception everybody made a 'three-point' maneuver. That is, we turned across the road and stopped when we could not keep going without running off the pavement, then backed up after turning the front wheel, stopped and turned the front wheel again and proceeded to complete the maneuver.

There was, as I said, one exception. This rider was on a relatively new GoldWing and he was carrying a passenger. Further, he is a BIG man - well over 6' tall and well over 300 pounds.

This man simply aggressively leaned his bike over and drove his bike through the entire 180 degree turn without needing to stop or running out of pavement.

The chatter on the CB was filled with compliments relative to his profound skill with his bike. Those compliments started again at our next rest stop. They were well deserved compliments. But they were misdirected.

That is, what should have been complimented, in my opinion, was the rider's CONFIDENCE rather than his skill.

Don't get me wrong - the man demonstrated lot's of skill. He had demonstrated a mastery of his clutch, his throttle, and his HEAD!

With even modest skill almost anyone can lean a bike far enough in a slow-speed turn to drag a peg - but very few of us want to or would even try to get close to that big a lean because we do not KNOW that we can do it successfully. Why? Because we lack confidence in either our machine or ourselves. So, we compromise and do what we KNOW we can do - we make a three-point U-turn on a narrow road.

And how is it that this BIG man developed the confidence to make that slow-speed hard lean needed to complete his smooth U-turn? He had lot's of experience. Experience gained from lot's of practice.

Whether you call it skill or confidence, this man handles his bike very well indeed. He deserves recognition and regard, and he certainly gets both from me. Further, his U-turn maneuver took substantially less time than mine did. In other words, he was at risk for far less time than I was. THAT aspect of the value of experience never occurred to me before - confidence can reduce time at risk.

So, schedule some time on a regular basis and go out and practice, practice, practice. Earn the respect and regard of your friends by increasing your confidence/skills. Potentially reduce your at-risk time while on the road.

Practice increases confidence. Confidence shows as 'skill.' Over-confidence, however, can kill. The difference between the two, of course, is that being confident means you know you can do something, being over-confident means you *think* you can.

Making a U-turn like my friend did may not be the most important thing you will ever have to do, but failing to negotiate a curve at high speed because you lack confidence enough to lean the bike just a bit more is simply unacceptable motorcycling.

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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

Ever Wonder What The Temperature Is At Riding Speeds...

Riding Speed (mph)	Air Temperature (degrees F)														
	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
5	27	32	37	43	48	53	58	64	69	74	79	85	90	95	100
10	16	22	28	34	40	47	53	59	65	71	77	84	90	96	102
15	9	15	22	29	36	42	49	56	63	69	76	83	90	96	103
20	4	11	18	25	32	39	47	54	61	68	75	82	89	97	104
25	0	8	15	22	30	37	45	52	60	67	74	82	89	97	104
30	-3	5	13	20	28	36	43	51	59	66	74	82	89	97	105
35	-5	3	11	19	27	35	42	50	58	66	74	81	89	97	105
40	-6	2	10	18	26	34	42	50	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
45	-7	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
50	-7	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
55	-8	0	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
60	-8	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
65	-9	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105

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Road Captains Safety Gear - The Real World

Differences between half-shell and full-face helmets

By: James R. Davis

It occurs to me that sometimes we provide the simplest answers to questions here - adequate to be meaningful, but not necessarily sufficient to be educational. It is not laziness on our part. It is the medium we have chosen to share our thoughts with. Our readers want us to be direct and responsive, but do not expect an answer to take two pages of text.

So when asked what the differences are between various helmet designs, you can be sure that the answers usually describe their sizes and how much of the head is protected by each.

But you do not expect the following, for example, when describing the differences between a half-shell and full-face helmet:

- The half-shell provides comfort for the wearer who believes that helmet laws are unjust - they are 'minimalist' in terms of protection and can be viewed as a 'protest statement' without inviting a ticket. The full-face helmet, on the other hand, provides maximum protection but are heavier and less comfortable than half-shells.
- The half-shell helmet provides adequate protection for the top of the head, only, and is ideal if you should land on the top of your head when you hit the ground - something that is rather rare in the real world. A full-face helmet provides protection for the entire head and part of your neck
- A half-shell helmet, when provided to your passenger - say your wife, for example - says that their pretty face should be shared by the world, until an accident occurs. Thereafter, because more than a third of the time when he/she hits the ground with their head, it will be a face plant. The crushed eye socket, broken or torn off nose, crushed cheek bones, lacerated eyebrows and eye lids, split (wide) upper lip, fractured upper mandible, broken teeth, lost tip of tongue from having bitten it off, teeth protruding through lower lip, all lower teeth broken off below the gum line, broken jaw, and lacerations about the

upper neck will take many, many painful surgeries to repair (badly and with scars that will last a lifetime) and many months of recovery time before being able to present that now permanently broken face to the world. And, did I mention that migraine headaches will potentially happen EVERY DAY for years, if not life? And that says nothing about the brain damage that prevents him or her from being able to remember the names of the children or how many children there are? Full-face helmets, on the other hand, cost a little more than half-shell helmets.

Have you ever heard of the word 'consortium'? It is what you can lose in a spousal relationship as a result of an accident (and potentially collect handsomely for in court) and consists of the three "s's": Social, Services, and Sex.

Social are the things you used to do together, like travel, talk, play, party, engage and educate the kids, and so on.

Services include things like cleaning the house, cooking meals, taking the kids to school, balancing the checkbook, making the bed, earning part of the household income, and so on.

Sexual is sexual.

And you can lose all or part of all of that because you elect to provide your passenger spouse a half-shell instead of a full-face helmet.

But they are cheaper.

Maybe you wear a half-shell and never carry a passenger. Those things mentioned above are of no concern to you at the moment. They are problems you will leave for your parents or spouse. Because, never let it be said that you would let anything get in the way of your ability to make a choice - even if it's a bad one.

Besides, nobody in your riding group would be caught dead with a full-face helmet on.

Indeed.

Believe it - I've seen it more than once.

Final thought - 'DOT Approved' does NOT mean 'SAFE'.

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

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

Chaplain's Corner

One of the hardest lessons in my life has been to learn that I do not have control of very many things. Every morning when I get out of bed I should quote the "Serenity Prayer: "God, give me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." Following this admonition would save me a lot of frustration.

Assuming we have control when we really don't is the source of much our stress and anxiety. I used to teach stress management courses for various groups. One of my first exercises was to have people write down all the stresses in their life. Then I had them list these according to the ones over which they had control and the ones over which they had no control. (You might find this helpful to do some time). It can be a relief just naming the things over which we have no control.

Belief in and recognition of God or a higher power in my life has helped me give up trying to control so much, especially thinking I can control another person's behavior. When I am not trying to be in control I realize that I live with a deep sense of peace which allows me to learn from what is happening in my life and to enjoy other people's company - even people who can be irritating.

So do change the things you can, but trust God with the things you cannot change. Pray for the wisdom to know the difference.

Del Parris
Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

State Rep's Report

HAD A GOOD MEETING AT WESTON, HICKORY HOUSE LOOK FORWARD TO JULY MEETING. HAVE SPOKEN AGAIN TO WV1 THERE MEETING IS FIRST TUESDAY IN AUGUST, NOT ADVISED WERE BUT BELIEVE IS AT ELKVIEW, I INTEND ON GOING. HOPE TO HAVE A FEW WV II KNIGHTS RIDE FOR GREET AND MEET. ALSO MAY GO TO WV V MEETING AND GATHERING IN MARTINSBURG ON AUGUST 16, BUT NOT SURE YET. ANY MEMBERS WELCOME TO RIDE ALONG BELIEVE BROTHER RYAN IS GOING ALSO.

ALSO THE ANNUAL BLUE RIDE IS ON JULY 27, BELIEVE BETWEEN FIVE AND TEN BLUE KNIGHTS FROM OUR CHAPTER ARE RIDING. MEETING BOBBY AT BRADYS EXXON EXIT 139 FAIRMONT AT OR BY 8:15AM, BOBBY ADVISED WE WILL LEAVE STATION AT 8:25AM FOR RT.19 NORTH STRABANE TWP. VFD. ALSO I HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY MEMBERS OF FAIRMONT MASONIC LODGES AND THEY HAVE A FEW RIDERS WHO REQUESTED TO JOIN US ON RIDE, UNKNOWN HOW MANY OF THERE RIDERS WILL BE GOING AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER THERE PRES. DOUG RUMER ADVISED WILL LET ME KNOW BY MORNING OF THE 27TH.

I HAVE TALKED WITH BROTHER WILLIAM "LUG" GOWER, FORMER BLUE KNIGHT WV II. LUG WAS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT ON HIS BIKE ON SATURDAY JULY 12 ON FAIRMONT AVE, IN FAIRMONT. LADY HIT HIS TRIKE FROM LEFT SIDE THROWING HIM OFF HIS BIKE. HE IS OK, BRUISED UP LEGS AND CHEST, BUT OK. BIKE BELIEVED TO BE A TOTAL LOSS AND LUG TELLS ME THAT WILL MOST LIKLEY END HIS BIKE RIDING DAYS.

HAVE ALSO RECIEVED WORD THAT FAIRMONT CITY POICE LT. STEVE SINE WAS INVOLVED IN HEAD ON ACCIDENT ON HIS MOTORCYCLE IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA ON JULY 13. LT. SINE HAS INJURIES TO BACK,LEGS, ANKLES, AND WAS IN COMA A COUPLE OF DAYS, BUT IS AWAKE NOW. LT. SINE IS NOT A BLUE KNIGHT, HE IS A MEMBER OF FOP FAIRMONT LODGE. A REQUEST BY FAIRMONT POLICE LODGE TO HELP HIS WIFE WHILE TRAVELING BACK AND FORTH TO ALABAMA WOULD BE HELPFUL. I HAVE SPOKEN WITH ERIC HUDSON, SECRETARY LODGE #69 ON THE PHONE AND HE IS GOING TO KEEP ME INFORMED OF LT. SINE'S SITUATION. I IN TURN ADVISED SGT. HUDSON WOULD BRING UP LT. SINE AT NEXT MEETING AND ADVISE OF WHAT WVII BLUE KNIGHTS DECIDE ON THIS MATTER, HE ADVISED HE WOULD KEEP ME UPDATED ON LT. SINE. LT. STEVE SINE IS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA MEDICAL CENTER, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

RIDE WITH PRIDE, RIDE SAFE,

MARSHALL PARKER

WEST VIRGINA 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.

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UP COMING EVENTS

2014 Warren T. Holmes Crab Feast & Family Weekend, Hosted by MD I, Crab Feast is Saturday, August 2, 2014. SPX Building Corp, (formerly Knights of Columbus) 3611 Steward Rd, Forestville, MD 20747. More info later. www.md1blueknights.org.

2014 West Virginia II Summer Picnic, Ferguson Memorial Park, 10 North Street, Shinnston, WV, Saturday, August 9th, 2014. Starts at 6 PM until 9 PM. Covered dish.

2014 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, August 29 - Sept 1, 2014. 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. 38th Annual Blue Ridge Rally, theme is “Medieval Knights”. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823.

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
- 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 or Ron See at 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

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

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, August 14th, 2014, at Ryan’s Restaurant, 519 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV.