



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Spring is here and we are hoping the weather stays warm and the potholes get fixed so we can get some riding done. It has been a long cold winter and we need some good days in the saddle to make the blood run warm again. I hope there are several of you that are going to make it to the Mason Dixon Conference Weekend in May. Remember if you are pre-registered by the April meeting you will have a chance to have your name drawn to have your registration reimbursed to you after the event. The MDC will be held in Hagerstown, MD. So do your best to try and make it. It would be nice to have enough members there to bring home the largest chapter attending. We almost did that at the Winter Conference, we were only 2 members short. Remember if you are going out for a ride maybe you can call one of the other members and have them ride with you. It is safer with 2 or more bikes out on the road. Please make your contacts to pick up door prizes for the 2014 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend. I have put in a request for all sunny days. If we get rain again this year we might want to think about changing the name to Wet & Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend. Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

304-622-0135

VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, April 10, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at the Hickory House Restaurant, 1137 U.S. Highway 19 N, Jane Lew, WV 26378. If you have not got your dues in for 2014 please get them in ASAP. Dues are \$25.00. I hope everyone continues their membership and is getting excited now that spring weather is here again so that we can get on the bikes again. If you know anyone that meets the membership requirement please talk to them and see if they are interested. Let's work together and keep our membership up. Thanks for your help.

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 38 of our 66 members. So if you have not sent yours in yet please do so soon.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

Richard & Bridget Swisher

SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, April 10, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at the Hickory House Restaurant, 1137 U.S. Highway 19 N, Jane Lew, WV 26378.

Well we have started meetings about reviewing, revising, modifying our by-laws and have some ideas and have way to go before completion. New technologies in communications, notifications, time frames, changes in growth and development of chapters nationally and internationally, how BKWVII interacts with conferences and the International, problems, logistics and changes that have effected BKWVII since the last update.

With the 9-1-1 mapping systems changing mailing address please keep us updated with street and house numbering that maybe have effected you. The Post Office is starting to require the use of the update street and house numbering, remember to include us in your updating.

Many of us change internet, phone and cell phone carriers so keep us in mind with those changes too. We can only help and keep you informed, about your chapter, if you keep us informed about YOU.

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

Marty McNulty, Secretary

Yes, I am going to say, please pay your dues, if you have not done so yet. I know I sound like a bill collector and I am sorry, but the chapter trusts you, because we believe you are still wanting to continue your membership so we have already paid for your dues in January to the International. The International requires (by their by-Laws) your dues in January. Please do not feel embarrassed or ashamed because of economic shortfalls, we all have them and unfortunately we will again, if you need to send a partial payment that is fine, if it's a few payments that's fine, we like to think of ourselves as family and friends. We like to see more of our family and friends at some meetings, the picnic, Wild and Wonderful weekend or even riding down the road together. Don't let economic distress hinder our friendship and fellowship.

You are the face of our Chapter, Be Safe and Ride with Pride

Marty McNulty, Treasurer

ROLL CALL

Members at March 13th, 2014, at 14:00 hours, at Ryan's Restaurant, Clarksburg, WV.

Bobby Ryan, Rick Eve, Marty McNulty, Rex Talkington, Cathy Conners, DW Conners, Richard & Morgan Swisher, Marshall & Linda Parker, Rexann Martin, and Ed Martin.

Chapter Safety Officer

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

MDC Safety Officer

SAFETY ARTICLE MARCH 2014 DE-WINTERIZING MOTORCYCLE

As all other articles items listed below are only suggestions. When getting your motorcycle ready for summer riding you need to de-winterize it. Below are some good tips to follow.

If your bike has been sitting for several months you should drain the old gas out of the tank and put new gas in. Be careful not to be around any open flames. You should be able to put the old gas in your four-wheel vehicle to use.

Check both tires for wear or damage and replace one or both if needed. Don't forget to check your air pressure on both also.

Change the engine oil if the bike has been parked for several months. If you're going to change it yourself put the bike on the center stand and turn the bike engine on for several minutes. This will let the oil drain a lot better.

Check all the cables (clutch, brake, etc.). Don't forget to check your foot brake pedal for a smooth movement up and down.

Check all your lights (parking, running, brake, etc.). Replace any bulbs or fuses that are needed or wiring that needs repaired.

Check the dates on your inspection sticker and tags to make sure they are up to date.

D.W. Conners
Blue Knights WV 2
MDC Safety Officer
Blueknightsva5@msn.com

Road Captains I'm Safe

by Jackie Vaughan

Many people use a checklist to prepare for a trip. It might include gas, tire pressure, first aid kit, et cetera. One item often missing is the condition of the rider himself. Yet the rider's condition is at least as important as the condition of the bike.

There is a checklist which allows the rider to check out himself before every trip. Easy to remember, the list is called **I'm Safe**. It stands for illness, medication, stress, alcohol, fatigue and emotion. Let's take a look at how each of these factors affects us.

Illness:

Many illnesses such as diarrhea, headache or fever can blunt our senses and affect our ability to scan aggressively for hazards or our ability to react to these hazards quickly. Recovering from an illness can do the same.

Medication:

Medication such as sleeping pills, even taken the night before, or antihistamines can make us drowsy. Antibiotics do a good job of fighting infections but also leave us fatigued for several days.

Stress:

Just before a trip is not the best time to air our problems. We will be in a much better mood after a good trip. Take time to relax before starting. Another thing to remember: don't bring the kids.

Alcohol:

Alcohol can be summed up in a single phrase-one drink per hour. Make sure there is no alcohol in your system before you ride.

Fatigue:

Working long hours at physical labor before a trip is a sure way to start the trip with fatigue.

Emotion:

We are all aware that being angry or sad at can keep our mind off our riding, but we should know that being very happy can do the same. We need to take time to think things out before we start.

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

Chaplain's Corner

Del Parris
Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII

State Rep's Report

HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH STATE CHAPTERS NOT TO MUCH GOING ON I THINK ALL WAITING FOR WEATHER TO BREAK. HOPE TO HAVE MEETING SET UP FOR APRIL SO SOME OF US CAN GO TO MEET AND GREET,CHARLESTON WV1 MEMBERS. WILL LET MEMBERS KNOW AS SOON AS I FIND OUT. I BELIEVE MEMBERS OF WV1 WILL BE AT THE MDC AT HAGESTOWN,WD.THATS THE INFO. I HAD FROM THEM LAST TALK.

ALL HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF WILD AND WONDERFUL IN JUNE STILL UNKNOW IF ANY ATTENDING,WILL GET WITH WV11 OFFICERS,AS OF ADVISEMENT OF COST IF ANY MEMBERS SHOW UP FOR A DAY AND ENJOY OUR HOSPITALITY. UNDERSTAND THIS WAS ONE PROBLEM IN

PAST. AGAIN DONT KNOW BUT PRESUME THERE IS OR WILL BE A COST.

HAD VERY GOOD MEETING WITH OFFICERS OF WVII AND CANAAN RESORT AND BELIEVE PRES.MARTIN AND VICE PERS. SWISHER, SEC/TRES.MCNULTY, HAVE THINGS TAKEN CARE OF, ROOMS LOOK VERY WELL AND STAFF WAS VERY FRIENDLY TOWARD MEMBERS. THANKS AGIN FOR INVITE TO MEETING AND SETTING IN ON BOD MEETING.LOOK LIKE TO ME ALL HAD MEMBERSHIP IN CONCERN WITH WORKING ON BYLAWS FOR WV11.

FRATERNAL REGARDS
MDC WVSR/WV II MEMBER
MARSHALL PARKER

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)
1620 Locust Ave, Suite 100, Fairmont, WV 26554 681-404-6057 MJCYCLEWORKS@outlook.com
Hours: Mon-Fri 9 AM to 6 PM Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM
Parts, racing, and accessories for motorcycles, ATV and UTV.

UP COMING EVENTS

2014 Ride to the Tide, Hosted by Delaware I, Sunday, April 27, 2014. Two Starting points – 1. Newark to Rehoboth, 2. Dover to Rehoboth. Register online at www.sode.org.

2014 Dare Ride, Hosted by VA XIII, Saturday, May 10th, 2014. Starting and ending at Bartlett Yancey High School Parking Lot, 536 East Main Street, Yanceyville, NC. Registration 9-11 AM, Kickstands up at 11:30 am. Donations are \$20 per bike, car, or truck and \$10 per passenger. Lunch provided for registered participants. 50/50 Raffle.

2014 19th Annual Law Ride – Sunday, May 11th, 2014. Blue Knights VA II, will meet at the Fairfax County Public Safety Building, 1400 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA at 08:00 hours and assemble in the parking lot at the corner of West St and Page Ave. Motorcycles will leave at 09:00 hours and will be escorted to RFK Stadium by the Fairfax County Police Motor Squad. Upon arrival at RFK Stadium we will assemble with our fellow riders from across America, some 1500 motorcycles and ride to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial at 11:00 hours via escort, a noon ceremony and wreath laying will take place at the memorial. For Information contact Chuck Stewart (FXPD-Retired) 703-350-5143

2014 Spring Mason Dixon Conference Weekend, May 16-18, 2014. Hosted by MD II. At The Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 901 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD 21740 . (301) 733-5100 or 1-888-528-6738. Room rate is \$79.95 plus tax. Ask for Blue Knights 30th Anniversary Group rate. <http://www.clarionhagerstown.com/>. Blue Knights Maryland II, 20725 Oriole Court, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Registration is \$85.00 per person or \$160 per couple. More info to come.

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 Starts 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, 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

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

I need to know by the April meeting who all is ordering the chapter badge. I am attaching a picture of what they look like with my name on it. All the badges will look like this except it will have your name on it. As of March 30th, we only have 13 members ordering. Cost is \$140.00. Please contact me ASAP and have your money ready at the April meeting.



Month Meeting Locations

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2014

WILD AND WONDERFUL KNIGHTS

Blue Knights West Virginia II

PLEASE COPY

\$60.00 PER PERSON PRE-REGISTRATION

After May 1st, 2014 Registration is \$75.00 Per Person

June 13th, 14th and 15th, 2014

CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, DAVIS, WV

NAME: _____ AGE: _____
CO-RIDER: _____ AGE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
CHAPTER: _____ MILES TO EVENT ON MOTORCYCLE: _____
PRE ORDER T-SHIRTS \$15.00 EACH # _____ SIZE _____

Please mail this form to:
BLUE KNIGHTS WV II
P.O. BOX 174
ANMOORE, WV 26323-0174

CONTACT:
Ed Martin **304-622-0135**

PLEASE READ AND SIGN:

PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC., WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER II, AND CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, AND TO RELEASE THE BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC., WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER II, AND CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, FROM LIABILITY. The participant, shall indemnify, hold harmless, and release from any and all liability, the Canaan Valley Resort, its Agents, Officers, Directors, and Employees, and/or the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., its Conferences, Chapters, Officers, Directors, Members, Agents and Employees from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the participation in, **BLUE KNIGHTS WEST VIRGINIA II, EVENT ON JUNE 13th, 14th & 15th, 2014**, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense (a) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom, and (b) is caused in whole or part by any negligent act or omission of the Canaan Valley Resort, its Agents, Officers, Directors, or Employees and/or the Blue Knights International Motorcycle Club, Inc., its Conferences, Chapters, Officers, Directors, Members, Agents or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by party indemnified and/or released from liability.

SIGNATURES: _____ **DATE:** _____

Co-Rider: _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ participants.

Refunds returned by written request only. No cancellations or refunds after May 1st, 2014.

To be guaranteed a room at the discount rate you must contact **Canaan Valley Resort** directly at **(1-304-866-4121)** **before May 1, 2014**. They have blocked off rooms, when you call mention Blue Knights Group ID: 14353, Password: 40. All new rooms and the price are \$80.00 plus taxes & fees for standard room and \$90.00 plus taxes & fees for junior suites. Cabins and Campsites also available.

Confirmation on registration will be sent if requested.

All awards will be based upon information placed on the registration card given at time of registration.

Presentations of awards will about 10 PM, Saturday night, June 14th, 2014.

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No matter what you ride.