



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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

We are less than a few weeks from WWK so please get out to your vendors, dealers and/or friends and get those door prizes.

Just want to remind everyone that this year is an International Election year. You should have received your ballots in the mail by now. Please do not just throw them away. I ask you to vote for one of the candidates. Put and mark by the name you vote for even if they are unopposed there must be a mark or the vote does not count. If you do not know any of the candidates you can check on the International Website for their background. Also you can read the WV State Reps Report about who the Mason Dixon Conference Board and chapter presidents voted to endorse for the election. You could just follow their advised. It is up to you but please vote and send your ballots back in.

Also this fall our chapter will be having elections for the next two years (2016-2017). If you are thinking or wanting to run for office please let us know so we can get the information out to all the members. Also if you absolutely do not want to run for an office please let us know. 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.

Ride With Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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

**Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, July 9th, 2015, at 19:00 hours, Gino's Pizza, 16 Davis Ave, Elkins, WV 26241.**

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.

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

Ride With Pride

**Richard & Bridget Swisher**

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

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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.

Remember that all of our members that are planning to attend Wild and Wonderful we still need them to fill out a registration form.

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

**Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer**

# ROLL CALL

**Members at the May 14th, 2015 Meeting:** Marty McNulty, Justin Talkington, Bill Bradley, Marshall Parker, Randy Biggins, Doug Baker, Fred LePera, Eugene Botting, Rene Noe, Rex Talkington, Ethel Tyler, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, John McCloud, Herman Reid, Richard Swisher

## Chapter Safety Officer

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**Ride With Pride**

## Walter Knight

## MDC Safety Officer

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## Road Captains

### Adding A Passenger

**After 6 months of experience you are still NOT ready**

By: James R. Davis

Passengers and new riders are a NO NO. But you know that, I'm sure. So let's talk about the real issues.

When you move from a smaller bike to a larger bike the learning curve essentially starts all over again. You will need to practice starts, stops, turns almost as if you had never ridden a bike before. However, moving from a larger bike to a smaller one takes about 1 minute of familiarity and you will have complete control of it (unless you make a radical move from a cruiser to a sport bike, for example.) But what I was reaching for here was the effect of added weight.

It is NOT true that adding weight to a bike increases stopping distance and time - it merely makes it more difficult to achieve the same stopping distance and time but because traction is increased proportionate to the added weight, you have the traction to handle more braking - so all you have to do is squeeze the brakes harder to get the same distance and time.

That is, adding a passenger changes the dynamics of the bike and a new rider barely has control of the dynamics that existed before adding that passenger.

So, I recommend at least SIX MONTHS of experience riding your bike before you allow a passenger to get onto it. But at that time you will still NOT BE READY to handle the added weight!!!! You will need to practice with that added weight before you go out and test other limits.

Further, that FIRST passenger should NOT be your significant other or a child!!!! **It should be an experienced rider.** An experienced rider will completely understand ragged starts, less than smooth stops and some insecurity leaning the bike. He/she will NOT add problems by being distracting or other unsafe behavior behind you. Your significant other, on the other hand, will expect you to be in CONTROL of the bike and when you demonstrate sloppy starts/stops and leans you will undermine that confidence.

With a passenger you want to PRACTICE, practice, practice - just like when you graduate to a new/larger bike. I cannot remember an inexperienced passenger who would have tolerated such practice sessions. So get a friend and help each other out with that practice before you subject an uninformed person to your learning curve.

Finally, if your significant other is going to be a regular passenger, even if she never intends to drive a motorcycle, have her take the MSF class. Honest! A passenger is NOT totally dependent upon the rider for his/her safety. Should you need help (heart attack, for example) your passenger can take control of the bike from the pillion and get it off the road safely from the pillion!!! (If trained.)

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

## Chaplain’s Corner

**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

A word about deer. One of the attractions of this area was the abundance of good eating on the hoof. I am now quickly learning that it’s not ALL good. I had our car out of the shop not a week after an argument with a guardrail when a deer stepped out in front of herself and Whammo! Did you know that these new aluminum hoods run about \$3,500.00 painted and installed? And then we come to the motorcycle. My bike is finally done and home, and I have been taking it to town two and three times a week. I go down 18 (newly resurfaced!) to 47, 47 to 33, 33 to 19 and 19 into town. It takes me a couple of hours, but it’s about the ride, not the destination, and I LOVE biking on 19! I digress – I have driven through a flock of turkey buzzards that just did not want to move ( the rotting carcass was apparently just too yummy!) scared the crap out of a couple of idiots with the air horn ( I recommend one!) who wanted to pull out in front of me, and swam home Monday through a deluge. But the scariest things out there are the deer. If I see them in time, the air horn works wonders, but twice now I have had to pull over and calm myself. Both times, the deer was crossing the road, and I assumed that was it, when they did a 180 right back into the roadway! The new bike configuration now has two brakes, and not just one, and that’s what saved the day. But I no longer take advantage of the neat twists and turns on the new black top on 18 – I drive like a little old lady in her Model T – and my head is always moving. These are the things they teach you to do – but until you know why, sometimes the lessons don’t really take. Believe me, it’s necessary!

**Gene Botting**

Here is something we saw in the paper and wanted to pass along. Good job Brother Ryan.

## Vandalia 4-H Marks Police Week

Vandalia 4-H Ridgerunners gave fruit baskets to officers of Weston Police, Lewis County Sheriff's Office, RLHMS, Lewis County High School and Weston Detachment of WV State Police.

Vandalia would like to thank all law enforcement for their service in the community. Thanks for keeping the community and schools safe. God bless.



**DEPUTY MIKE CAYTON  
OFFICER AT LEWIS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**



**DEPUTY RYAN  
OFFICER AT RLHMS**



**J. D. CLEVINGER  
WESTON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**SGT. L.C. CARPENTER  
WESTON STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## Use of Addicting Drugs on Rise

Narcannon would like to remind families that the use of addicting drugs is on the rise. Take steps to protect your family from drug use. If you know anyone who is struggling with drug addiction, get them the help they need.

Call 1-800-431-1754 or visit [drugabuseolution.com](http://drugabuseolution.com) for a free brochure on the signs of addiction.



# UP COMING EVENTS

**2015 Wild & Wonderful Knights**, Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV. Hosted by West Virginia II. June 12, 13 & 14. 2015. FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL: CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, CALL 1-304-866-4121; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE BLUE KNIGHTS, Online registration go to [www.canaanresort.com](http://www.canaanresort.com) Group ID #15363, Password 40. To be guaranteed a room at the discount rate you must contact Canaan Valley Resort before May 1, 2015. CABINS AND CAMPSITES ALSO AVAILABLE. Rooms \$85.00 per night for standard and \$95.00 for Junior Suites.

**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.

**2015 West Virginia II Summer Picnic**, Ferguson Memorial Park, 10 North Street, Shinnston, WV, Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Starts at 6 PM until 9 PM. Covered dish.

**2015 Martinsburg Bike Night**, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015; Martinsburg, WV, hosted by West Virginia V. More info to come.

**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. Boher, 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

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

### **Drawing**

Drawing at this meeting was for \$30.00, and the name that was drawn was Ed Martin. Since he was there, that means that the July 2015 meeting will be worth \$5.00.

## **Month Meeting Locations**

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