



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

The officers nominated for our chapter for the next two years (2016-2017) are President – Ed Martin, Vice President – Greg Hoskins, Secretary/Treasurer – Marty McNulty, Directors – Rex Talkington, Bobby Ryan and Lou Stevens.

We are looking for some sponsors to help out with our 2016 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend. If you know of a business that will help please let me know. It doesn't matter if its \$100 or \$1,000 it all helps. I have a letter if you need one. Need all you members to help out here. I'm doing my best.

The Christmas Party/Meeting is coming soon so please remember to RSVP on who will be attending, we need the names, ages, gender of all that will be there.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, November 12th, 2015 at Hickory House Restaurant, 1137 U.S. Highway 19 N, Jane Lew, WV 26378. The meeting will begin about 7 pm.

Now that is starting to get cooler (colder) I know that more of you will be putting your bikes away for the winter. If you would please keep in contact with other members and start now on planning a few small day rides that you have been dreaming of but have not done yet. Why not get them done in 2016. Maybe there are some of the other brother knights that would like to see the same sites.

The 2016 is creeping up on as fast. So I am now starting to remind you of the upcoming dues for 2016. They will once again only be \$25.00 and they are due before December 15, 2015. I ask all of you to please send them in early and if possible do your best to recruit another member. I am trying to get a 100% renewal from everyone for 2016, so please help me out.

If you need a poster or other information about the Blue Knights let us know and we will get it to you. You can put it up at work or another agency.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

Richard & Bridget Swisher

SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, November 12th, 2015 at Hickory House Restaurant, 1137 U.S. Highway 19 N, Jane Lew, WV 26378. The meeting will begin about 7 pm. This is the meeting that we will elect members for office for 2016 - 2017.

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.

We will have a list of donations given out by the December meeting.

Nomination for 2016 – 2017 chapter offices were held at the October 8, 2015 meeting. The following are the members that were nominated: President – Ed Martin, Vice President – Greg Hoskins, Sec/Treas – Marty McNulty, Directors – Rex Talkington, Bobby Ryan and Lou Stevens. No other members were nominated.

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

Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer

ROLL CALL

Members at October meeting: Marty McNulty, Lewis Stevens, Fred LePera, Randy Biggins, Eugene Botting, Robby Robinson, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Rex Talkington, Rene Noe, Russ Swiger, Del Parris, Walter Knight, Greg Hoskins, John McCloud. Guest: Rebecca Green, Cherry Pie, Tsula Botting

Chapter Safety Officer

WITH HUNTING SEASON IN FULL SWING I THOUGHT THIS SHOULD BE READ AGAIN

Animal Hazards

Swerve or Panic Stop?

By: James R. Davis

It doesn't happen very often but even while traveling on a freeway you can suddenly be confronted with an animal in your path. Certainly it happens with some frequency in the country, and on city streets you must be ever concerned about usually domesticated types.

Those of us who ride in the country tend to confront five types of animals with some regularity: deer, dogs, cattle, birds and horses in roughly that order of frequency. On surface streets there are usually just two varieties: dogs and children (both an animal and wildlife in my book.) Dogs on a freeway are usually road kill before you get to them.

If you see an animal in your path, given plenty of warning, the obvious best move is to slow down and give it as wide a clearance as possible. However, in the case of an animal that 'was in front of me out of nowhere' situations, you have an immediate decision to make ... to swerve and try to avoid it, or to panic stop.

That is a false choice to make! If you think that you can figure out where a deer is going to be in the next 5 seconds, you are dead wrong! But more than that, if you think that you can, in a panic, swerve your motorcycle and retain control of it - not run into oncoming traffic, or the side of the mountain, or off the road, or oversteer it into a crash after avoiding the animal, or swerve right into the animal which has jumped into your new path, then you are probably also of the opinion that it can't happen to you in any event.

If you hit a cement truck at 5 mph you will probably walk away from it. If you hit ANYTHING while traveling at 50 mph or faster, you probably will not. The difference is your speed. Swerving does not reduce your speed. What it will do is give away some control.

Your best move is almost always to try a CONTROLLED panic stop. Do not lose control of your bike. Minimize the speed of impact. If you are good, and practiced, you might not hit anything at all. Even if luck is against you you will probably still walk away from it.

I can hear it now: "Even if it's a child?" Absolutely! If that child decides to make a dash for his/her life and chooses (like you) the wrong direction to run in, then you will hit that child with a greater (faster) impact swerving to avoid him/her than if you try to stop the bike.

Of course you aren't doing 50 mph or greater on city streets, right? You are covering your front brake while riding on city streets, right?

Play the odds in your head before you get into the situation. Condition yourself - bias yourself - panic stops are not a bad thing.

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

MDC Safety Officer

SAFETY TIPS

Like all safety articles in the past this one is the same. I only make suggestions in regards to riding your motorcycle. All information comes from other riders, my experience and research.

1. Make up a check off list for riders (this way you don't forget anything).
2. Watch for leaves or anything else on road, warn riders behind you if possible when you observe anything in road way.
3. Do a T-Clock on bike before every ride.
4. Always know what is around you 360 degrees, most important in front and behind you.
5. When you stop always have your bike in first gear in case the vehicle behind you does not stop.
6. On trips have phone fully charged before leaving.
7. Have a route planned out and if someone is at home make sure they know the route in case they don't hear from you.
8. Carry a first-aid kit with you on rides, if you have one. Also, carry it in your trunk. You can get to it no matter what happens.
9. Be well rested before any ride.
10. If in charge of the ride have a pre-ride meeting before group pulls out. Discuss route, hand signals, etc.
11. If in charge try and have leader and tail-gunner have radios.
12. If you're doing a group ride have an emergency sign-in sheet in case something happens you have contact information on riders.
13. On group rides put ALL new riders' right behind lead rider.
14. When stopping at a traffic light with a vehicle in front of you, have enough distance between you and that vehicle to have an escape route in case the vehicle coming up behind you isn't going to stop.
15. When passing a large vehicle on an expressway always get into the farthest track from that vehicle and don't take your time passing. Do it as fast as you can, but safely.
16. If at all possible, try to avoid riding center track. That is where most of the oil and trash will be.
17. Be careful when traveling on off and on ramps. If there is oil or trash on it you have restricted amount of room to avoid it.
18. When riding in a group, stay in your track unless riding single file. This will give the rider behind you more time to react in case of an emergency. The ideal distance is to be able to see the rider behind you in your mirror without turning your head.
19. I suggest you practice riding as much as you can. It might save your life. Also, if you normally ride two-up, you should practice two-up. Your bike will react differently with two people on it, especially braking.
20. When riding on a Chapter ride from point A to point B and you are on a four lane highway, and need to change lanes, the lead rider signals to the Tail-Gunner which lane they want. The Tail Gunner secures that lane and then and only then should the rest of the group move into that lane.
21. When riding in a group and a rider drops out, the riders that are riding in that track will move up when in a safe and straight area or at a red traffic light or a stop sign.

D.W. Conners

Blue Knights, West Virginia II

Mason Dixon Safety Officer

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Road Captains

TIPS FOR WINTERIZING YOUR BIKE

It's easy to prepare your motorcycle's physical body for storage during the winter months, but ensuring its fluids are ready, too, are often overlooked. Follow the quick guide below to help your motorcycle look and function as it should once it comes out of storage for the winter, so your first ride of the spring can be just as great as when you first purchased it.

Stabilize fuel and prep the battery. Unleaded fuel begins to deteriorate after about three to four weeks. To help keep fuel from becoming sludgy and oxidizing or turning into varnish, run the engine for at least 15 minutes after adding a quality fuel stabilizer.

Keep the tank full, to prevent moisture from building up and rusting the gas tank. Hooking the battery up to a battery tender or trickle charger (for under a half hour each day), can save your battery throughout the winter to be used again in the spring.

Change oil and inspect tires. After stabilizing fuel, perform an oil change to prevent oxidization from prolonged lack of activity. Use the same quality of oil that you would typically use in your car. A synthetic oil will ensure a good ride and quality lubrication when you re-open your bike to ride again in the spring. Deflating tires and re-inflating them for storage during winter months will help eliminate any moisture build-up and ensure proper inflation. If you can, elevate your bike during storage to keep tires in good shape and uncracked as the air compresses in the cold. Using a good tire cleaner will keep tires looking fresh.

Clean and lubricate. Make sure your motorcycle is completely clean of dirt, bugs, salt and sand before storing. Traces of these items can cause corrosion and rust when sitting for long periods of time. Once you've cleaned it with a soft sponge or cloth, polish your bike with a quality polish. Include the bike body, any chrome parts and the saddlebag. Be sure to lubricate the chain, so that it is not rusted when you take your bike out in the springtime. If you think of it, lubrication again mid-winter will ensure rust stays away.

Keeping your motorcycle's fluids at their best during the cold months of winter will help it run best once it's out of storage. These can be quick and easy ways to keep your motorcycle looking and functioning great. Visit the link for more great ideas and tips for motorcycles or [Honda motorcycle parts](#).

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

Chaplain's Corner

For some reason I have never been particularly interested in tracing my ancestry back to its beginnings. It may be that I suspect some of my distant kin were those people who were taken from the jails in Scotland and England and shipped here. I am also suspicious of those web sites that trace ancestors, knowing that they can make up half that stuff and I would have no way of knowing it.

On the other hand I have been interested in remembering those people who I know had a part in shaping my life: My parents, my extended family, my friends, neighbors, teachers, and ministers. I recognize that there are a large number of people whose faces I can see because they were a part of my here and now life. I also want to remember those people whom I never knew, but who have been essential to my being here. This would include the explorers and settlers, the soldiers and public servants who faced some really frightening obstacles to provide the life of freedom and prosperity that I enjoy today. At least once a year (usually at Christmas) I try to specifically call to mind all of those to whom I owe my life.

While the secular world celebrates Halloween, the Christian world recognizes All Saints Day, a time to specifically remember those people of faith that carried on the tradition of Jesus over the years. Many of the "saints" risked or gave their lives for their faith. Others ministered in quiet, but powerful, ways to give hope and peace to people who suffered from illness, grief, or injustice. Some of the saints I remember are not widely known, but are people who in some way touched my life.

While you may not celebrate All Saints Day, it would be good for your heart to think about those people who changed your life by their love, their simple kindness or their confidence in you. You can also be thinking about being a "saint", making a difference in the life of someone else. Maybe one day you will be on someone's list of people who helped shape their lives.

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

State Rep's Report

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RIDE WITH PRIDE, RIDE SAFE,

MARSHALL PARKER

WEST VIRGINIA STATE REP/ MEMBER WV II

Committee Reports

Well just to let everyone know, the membership at the September 2015 meeting voted to move our Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend from Canaan Valley Resort, to downtown Elkins. It will be the second weekend in June 2016. So make your plans to attend the 2016 WWK at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 50 Martin St, Elkins, WV, and June 10, 11 & 12, 2016. This will be a learning curve for us but I know we can do this. Remember that we, West Virginia II chapter will be hosting the event. This means that every member and significant other will have to help out with the event. Everyone will be expected to work for a little while during the event. There will be a work schedule setup for members to adhere to. If possible we will try and let you select a good time for you to work. We are depending on everyone to work about 4 to 6 hours over the weekend. We understand that most want to just attend and enjoy the weekend as a vacation but we are hosting the event and things must be done in order to make the weekend a success. We will do our best to make sure you will still get to have fun and enjoy the weekend also. This being the first year at a new location and with new businesses so we will all need to have patience to make this a great weekend. I am sure we have the membership to do this. Brother Knight and I are working with different vendors and locations to get options for the event. We are looking at two (2) different Branson type shows, train ride and a few other things.
Ed Martin, 2016 WWK Committee Chairman

From Membership

Here is some information from Brother Rick Eve about some ideas for the chapter. Please take time to read over them so we can discuss them at the next meeting.

Suggestion to encourage riding/group participation.

Mileage Contest:

Jan 1-15, 2016 - Each member must submit a photo of their odometer with a local paper in the picture to verify date. That's the beginning mileage. Only one bike permitted unless you purchase a bike during the year then you can transfer.

Dec 1, 2016 - Each member provide a photo of their odometer with a local newspaper to verify date.

Both beginning and ending photos are subject to verification by a chapter officer. If a chapter officer is must be verified by another chapter officer. \$250 to the winner given out at Christmas Party with a traveling trophy that gets updated each year.

Christmas Party Pay Out:

Increase end of year pot to \$250

Must be present to win at Christmas Party.

Attend a meeting get your name put in the hat (current).

Ride your bike to a meeting and you get two entries for attending the meeting. Participate in a local (chapter area) group event or organized ride you get one entry per month. So a person could get a max of 3 entries per month. Pay your dues on time you get an entry stuffed in the hat. Sign up new member who completes membership requirements (background) get another chance stuffed in the hat. Win the mileage contest and get 4 entries.

Prove you rode your bike in each season. Use actual season solstice/equinox dates; Get all 4 and you get your another chance stuffed in the hat. That is my suggestion to improve chapter participation for 2016.

Rick

I think we should also keep a record of our mileage each year to see if we can improve.

UP COMING EVENTS

2015 West Virginia II Halloween Party, Days Inn, 112 Tolley Drive, Bridgeport, WV, Saturday, October 24th, 2015. Starts at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM. 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.

2015 Virginia XIII 16th Annual Toy Run, Danville, VA. Registration starts at 11:00 AM at the Thundaer road H-D, 4960 Riverside Dr, Danville, VA. Registration is \$15.00, Saturday, October 17th, 2015.

2015 Delaware I, 32th Annual Toy Run, Registration starts at 9:00 – 11 AM at the Old Mill Creek Fire Hall, 3900 Kirkwood Hwy, Marshalton, DE. Registration is \$15.00, and 1 NEW Toy per person. Sunday, November 9th, 2015. Contact person, Mike Pollinger, 302-545-5301.

2015 Clarksburg VFW Post 573 Veterans Day Parade, November 11, 2015; Parade starts at Noon. Streets in Clarksburg will close at 11:00 AM so please be at the intersection of West Main Street and Sixth (6th) Street before 10:30 AM for lineup. This will be the intersection where the Clarksburg Central Fire Station and Senior Citizens Building are located. Remember we will have a pickup truck to let the kids ride in and throw out candy. The truck will be in front of the motorcycles and we should be in the front of the parade behind the police cars.

2015 West Virginia II, Friday, December 11th, 2015, West Virginia II chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Meeting at 5:30 PM and Party right after the meeting.

2016 Winter MDC Conference, Danville, VA, February 12 - 14, 2016. Theme is “Knights by the Dan 2” 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. Event is \$75.00 per person.

2016 Spring MDC Conference, Lexington, KY, hosted by Kentucky II. May 27 - 30, 2016. Clarion Hotel, 5532 Athens Boonesboro Road, Lexington, KY. (rooms \$99.00 per night plus tax) 859-263-5241. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Contact Jeanette Gardner @ Jeanette.gardner@comcast.net Event is \$85.00 per person.

2016 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. June 10, 11 & 12, 2016. FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 50 Martin St, Elkins, WV, call 304-630-2266; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE **BLUE KNIGHTS**, Rooms \$99.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$50.00 per person before April 1st, 2016, and \$75.00 after April 1st.

2016 International Convention, June 17-24, 2016. Hosted by PA V, Harrisburg, PA. Host Hotel: Sheraton Hotel & Resort, Harrisburg, PA, 4650 Lindle Rd, Harrisburg, PA. Telephone 717-564-5511. For more information: <http://www.2016bkiconvention.com/index.html> or Dhooper@excellenceinc.com

2016 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, September 2 - 5, 2016. 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. The 40th Annual Blue Ridge Rally, theme is “New Orleans”. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823.

Sick - Ill or in Distress: Brother Doug Baker, Brother Don Wikert’s sister in law passed away.

Drawing: Drawing at October 10, 2015 meeting was for \$20.00. Brother Justin Talkington name was drawn and he was not present so the November meeting drawing will worth \$25.00.

October Meeting Locations

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