



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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

We have had some members wanting to change our meetings to a Saturday or Sunday. Meet someplace in the morning and then do a chapter ride. Anyone else got some ideas?

We are less than 3 months 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 will be receiving ballots in the mail in the future. 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.

Ride With Pride

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

**Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, May 14th, 2015, at 19:00 hours,** It looks as if we have had a few new members to our chapter so even though we lost several members for 2015, we are still moving forward. If you need a recruitment flyer please let me know and I will get you one to put up at your work location. Please talk to your co-workers about the Blue Knights. There are still a lot of officer that have not heard of the Blue Knights. Even if they don't ride a motorcycle please let them know who we are. Also have an application with you when talking with coworkers; you never know when you will need one. 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:***

**Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, May 14th, 2015, at 19:00 hours,**

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.***

## ROLL CALL

**Members at the April 9th, 2015 Meeting:** Martin McNulty, DW & Cathy Conners, Richard Swisher, Rexann & Ed Martin, Marshall Parker, Randy Biggins, Fred LePera, Eugene Botting, Bill Bradley, Walter Knight

### Chapter Safety Officer First Things First A life DOES depend on it

By: James R. Davis

You are trained and competent at both CPR and First Aid and you come upon a scene that obviously requires you to perform one or both of these services. What is the FIRST thing that you should do?

At a recent monthly meeting of the Houston chapter of the Lone Star Ladies there was a discussion of this topic that left me very uncomfortable. The reason for this is that I heard suggestions that ranged from "Start CPR immediately" to "Make sure the victim can breath." I, on the other hand, suggested that the very first thing that should be done is to arrange to have 911 called.

The members unanimously found fault with that suggestion.

While I understand their desire and goodwill in the matter, I think it is important to think this through a little more carefully than we all did at that meeting.

Recall that the premise is that it's obvious that either CPR or First Aid services are required. In other words, I'm not suggesting that you have come upon a person sleeping at the side of the road who happens to look like s/he might need your help. Instead, you happen upon a scene in which there is obvious major trauma to someone.

Let's say that you discover that the person's heart is not beating. Traditional thinking has it that you must start CPR immediately! The logic is that failure to do so could very well allow the victim to die needlessly - oxygenated blood is not getting to the victim's brain!

While that is true, and even if you are fully trained and qualified to administer both CPR and First Aid, it seems to me that without trained EMS help along with transportation and other life-supporting facilities to help you, the odds are overwhelming that the victim will die anyway! Maybe five minutes later, maybe five hours later, but it will almost certainly happen. (Recall that if his heart has already stopped he is already 'dead' and all you are trying to do with CPR is keep it from being a permanent status.)

It is a fact that most trauma cases require multiple SIMULTANEOUS EMS efforts. While you administer CPR, for example, you cannot also be stopping the loss of blood from an amputated leg!

If you are alone and not near a telephone, you have no alternative but to try to help the victim while waiting for someone else to show up who can summon help for you (assuming you decide to provide CPR at all.) But if you are close to a telephone then it is my opinion that the very first thing you should do is call 911. This will cost a brief delay in starting the victim's aid, but it increases the odds that the victim will ultimately survive substantially!

Consider: You are riding your bike and see an accident occur in front of you. You stop your bike to see if you can help. Did you pull over to the side of the road then put the kickstand down or did you just drop the bike to save time? You pulled out of the way of traffic and probably put the kickstand down as well! That cost very little time, but helped insure that you would not become another victim of accident. That would obviously not help the first victim. So, even before a one minute phone call to 911 you need to be sure that the scene is secure! Be sure it poses no immediate danger to you or others. THEN, make your call.

A one minute 911 phone call to get a trained and equipped EMS unit out to the scene costs one minute. If you spend ten minutes doing CPR before someone calls 911, that costs the victim **TEN MINUTES** of pure oxygen, pain killers, whole blood, and transportation to a hospital!

If there are more than one of you at the scene, the **FIRST** thing you should do, in my opinion, is insure that someone places a 911 call. No ifs, ands, or buts. If it turns out that 911 is not actually needed, you can always call them back and cancel the request. But you can

never recover lost time for a major trauma victim. You are, after all, trying to save his/her life - you are trying to buy time. Why give time away unnecessarily?

There is a significant exception to the above: if the victim is a child whose heart has stopped beating or who has stopped breathing, then the child's chance of survival increases if you begin immediate life support - but this is a tough call.

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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 Up-Coming Events

Like all articles in the past I only make suggestions. Riding a motorcycle nobody but nobody ever rides a motorcycle perfect. Some riders can ride a bike much better than other riders. I believe some are just naturals like some other folks with other hobbies.

What can help motorcycle riders is to practice their riding skills. Most riders don't want to practice on things that riders are weak on. This is the one thing that you really need to do. The other thing that will help you ride better is take a riding course every two or three years no matter how good you ride. All of us get bad habits that we don't notice but those can get you killed. By taking some type of riding course it will make you aware of those habits. Remember one thing if you don't anything else. When on a large lot taking a course if something goes wrong you are in a controlled environment. If you are in traffic on a highway and something happens the outcome could be a lot worse.

If you don't have time to take some kind of riding course then I would suggest that you get some small paper cups and practice on your own in an empty parking lot somewhere. If decide to do this please have somebody with you in case something happens.

**These are rides I plan going on this year. If you want to ride it let me know.**

May 21, 2015	Meet with two other WV Blue Knight Chapters in Elkins, WV		
May 22, 2015	Spring Conference	BK VA-5	Chesapeake, VA.
June 12, 2015	Wild & Wonderful	BK WV-2	Canaan, WV
June 20, 2015	Make a Wish Poker Run	BK WV-5	Martinsburg, WV
July 26, 2015	Blue Ride	BK PA-16	Washington, PA
Aug. 15, 2015	Bike Night	BK WV-5	Martinsburg, WV
Sept. 4, 2015	Fall Conference	BK VA-2	Culpeper, WV
Sept. 25, 2015	Pigs on Beach	BK MD-5	Ocean City, MD
Oct. 17, 2015	Toy Run	BK VA-13	Danville, VA.
Nov. 7, 2015	Toy Run	BK VA-3	Richmond, VA
Nov. 8, 2015	Toy Run	BK Del-1	Wilmington, Del.

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# Road Captains

## Group Riding - Roles and Form Our way

By: James R. Davis

In my more than 40 years of riding I can honestly say that only a handful of negative experiences have occurred while I have ridden in groups. Very soon after the first instance of unsafe practices around me which seems to be generally tolerated by the others in the group I announce that I 'must' leave, and do so. This happened most recently about a year ago when my passenger (Elaine) and I joined a ride in Houston hosted by a group we had not ridden with before and found that it was a free-for-all in terms of style and lack of discipline. At the first rest stop we announced that we had to leave (politely) and then left.

Similarly, we have joined a group ride with a local chapter of the GWRRA and left it half-way to the destination after experiencing 90 MPH curves which were apparently 'normal' for them, regardless of the unknown skill levels of everyone in the group. (This is extremely unlike the riding habits of any other GWRRA chapter we have ridden with either before or since.)

Perhaps it's just pride in how we do things in our group rides - or simply that we don't want to 'own' any responsibility for the loss of or injury to anybody that rides with us. And because of this we know that there are plenty of people that would find our style of group riding to be too 'confining' or of insufficient 'excitement' for them. But we are proud of the way we handle group rides and want to share 'our way' with the readers here.

The vast majority of our rides are planned by Elaine (as Road Captain) and I ride drag. (Nobody has ever complained that we fail to husband our flock.) It seems to us that our 'job' is to do everything possible to make the experience on the roads as safe and pleasant for everybody in the group so long as they are together. When the group splits apart at the end of a ride our responsibilities end, of course, but even then it is not unusual to place a phone call or two when we get to our places to insure that everyone made it to their homes safely - particularly in bad weather or if someone had mechanical problems along the ride (in which case one or both of us might even escort that bike all the way to their home.)

We ride to the level of the least experienced/skilled in the group. We insist on discipline and hand signals being relayed and pit stops about every 75 miles.

We believe that *you cannot enjoy tomorrow's ride unless you live through today's.* And we believe it is the responsibility of each person in the group to insure that everyone does just that.

Nobody is allowed to leave the group without the drag bike knowing about it and, in the case of relatively inexperienced riders, offering to ride escort for them. Nobody other than the person designated by our road captain is ALLOWED to ride 'last' for any reason whatever. Among other things, this insures that we never lose anyone or leave a straggler unintentionally at a rest stop. Most importantly, this insures that the Road Captain has eyes at the rear of the pack and can be kept apprised about how the group is doing (speed-wise, cornering ability, etc.) in order to make adjustments in behalf of the group.

I confess that there have been a couple of the women that have felt that we do not travel as fast as they would like - and they have left us. Good for all concerned. But never in the middle of a ride!

The Houston chapter of the Lone Star Ladies has been called the 'Cook and Sew' group by some of the other women's riding groups in town who prefer going icehouse to icehouse. We think that is a compliment.

Prior to any ride we host a "rider's meeting" during which we:

- Review where we are going and what route we will be taking
- Describe how we handle lane changing and what to do if the group splits apart
- Specify which channel on the CB we will be using and that we ALL WILL USE hand-signals as well
- Demonstrate and explain each hand-signal we use
- Determine the riding experience of everyone that is new to the group

- Assign (to new people only) 'SLOT' positions that they are to ride in until the drag bike is satisfied with their abilities to handle their bikes
- Invite all the riders to do a 'walk around' their bikes to insure all is in order and then to take a quick look at the bikes on either side of them for the same reason

As a result, there is no doubt who the Road Captain is and what her expectations are of the group. Authority is established and 'agreed to' by virtue of the participants getting into staggered formation.

Granted, our style of group riding and our practices are not for everyone, but those that join us are well cared for, and know it.

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

## Chaplain’s Corner

I am afraid of heights, but I made myself climb the 223 steps to the top of the St. Augustine Light House. I even ventured out on the deck and walked full-circle to get the scenic view. While there I thought of the years that the lighthouse was the only beacon guiding ships away from dangerous shoals and into safe harbors. Then it dawned on me that would have crashed long if it had not been for some person who carefully guided me in the right direction.

There was my Aunt, who listened to me and as I struggled with the challenges of being a teenager after my Dad died. She often fixed my breakfast after I had thrown my early morning Paper route, and we would just talk about what was going on in the world and in my life. She was a true “lighthouse.”

There was the youth director at church who was wise beyond her years in helping me as I struggled with career choices and moral issues. I recently connected with her and told her how she had helped guide me through some real storms so that I landed safely in the harbor. I could go on with uncles and friends who were a light when I felt lost at sea.

Then I thought about whether or not I had been a light to others who could not find their way. Jesus said that He was the “way, the truth and the life”, but I know that he challenged us to be a light to others. He told his disciples, “you are the light of the world, and no one hides their light under a bushel but puts it on a candlestick for others to see.”

I challenge you to think of the ways that you light the way for others. Do you listen when others need to vent, to just share what is happening in their lives? Do you recognize the person, a co-worker, friend or family member who is struggling with some challenge in their lives? Do you offer them a compassionate heart, a listening ear, and occasionally some sound advice? Be a lighthouse!

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

## State Rep’s Report

JUST SPOKE WITH BLUE KNIGHTS PRES.WV1,HARRY CARPENTER AND WAS ADVISED THEY WILL BE RIDING TO WALL ON THUR.MAY 21ST. AND STOPING IN ELKINS ON THAT DATE AND BE STAYING AT SUPER 8 ON RT.33 IN ELKINS. THE TIME THEY WILL BE ARRIVING IN ELKINS IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. PRES.CARPENTER ADVISED AS SOON HAS HE KNOWS WILL ADVISE BUT WILL BE THERE ON THE 21ST OF MAY FOR THE NIGHT.

THIS IS THE SAME DATES AS THE MDC IN VIRGINIA. HOWEVER ANY WV2 MEMBERS NOT GOING TO MDC MAY WANT TO RIDE TO ELKINS ON THE 21ST. FOR MEET AND GREET WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF WV BLUE KNIGHT CHAPTERS. PLEASE ADVISE MEMBERSHIP. I WILL ALSO ADVISE AT NEXT MEETING.

RIDE WITH PRIDE, RIDE SAFE,

**MARSHALL PARKER**

WEST VIRGINA STATE REP/ MEMBER WV II

## From Membership

# UP COMING EVENTS

**2015 Spring MDC Conference**, Chesapeake, VA, May 22 – 24, 2015. Hosted by VA V, Chesapeake Marriott, 725 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320. 757-523-1500. Rooms are \$94.00 per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Contact "Spike" Johnson 757-418-1935 or [spike102@verizon.net](mailto:spike102@verizon.net). Event is \$79.00 per person or \$150.00 per couple.

**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 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 \$20.00, and the name that was drawn was Danny Shaw. Since he was not there, that means that the April 2015 meeting will be worth \$25.00.

### **Month Meeting Locations**

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, May 14th, 2015, at 19:00 hours, at Meagher's Irish Pub, 26 Betten Court, Suite 101, Bridgeport, WV 26330. 304-848-9200. If you are on I-79 take Exit 124 (Jerry Dove Exit). If traveling North make a right onto WV 279, go about .5 miles to top of hill turn left onto Genesis Blvd. Then take left onto Conference Center Way, then left onto Betten Court. Restaurant will be on your right. ). If traveling South make a left onto WV 279, go about 1 mile to top of hill turn left onto Genesis Blvd. Then take left onto Conference Center Way, then left onto Betten Court. Restaurant will be on your right.

# 2015

## WILD AND WONDERFUL KNIGHTS Blue Knights West Virginia II

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### \$75.00 PER PERSON PRE-REGISTRATION

*After May 1st, 2015 Registration is \$90.00 Per Person*

### June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, DAVIS, WV

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Miles to Event on Motorcycle: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PRE-ORDER T-SHIRTS \$15.00 EACH: # \_\_\_\_\_ SIZES: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ SIZES: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURES: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ participants.

**If you want to register by credit or debit card please email [marty.e.mculty@gmail.com](mailto:marty.e.mculty@gmail.com).** We are using Square to make it more convenient for you. (Service fee added)

**Refunds returned by written request only. *No cancellations or refunds after May 1st, 2015.***

To be guaranteed a room at the discount rate you must contact **Canaan Valley Resort** directly at **(1-304-866-4121)** before **May 1, 2015**. They have blocked off rooms, when you call mention Blue Knights **Group ID #15363, Password 40**. The room prices are \$85.00 plus taxes & fees for standard room; and \$95.00 plus taxes & fees for junior suites. Cabins & 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 9 PM, Saturday night, June 13th, 2015.*