



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Also, it is time to start picking up the door prizes for the event. So, when you go to a store or vendor ask them if they would like to donate a door prize to our event.

I have a work schedule for the 2018 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend. Please get a copy and look it over. Please let him know what area you would work and hours. We don't need everyone to work the whole day, every day but a couple of hours is what is needed. Remember we are hosting this event, not attending it like you would if you were going to another chapter's event. So yes, you might miss something but that is what it takes to make the event a success. We know there are a few jobs that some don't want to work but these are jobs that still have to be done. I have heard in the past the following statement from members, "I don't know what to do". Or "I have never done that". I understand but I am sure since all of us are over the age of 21 we can figure out what to do to get the job done. Please help the chapter make this year at Elkins a big success. It takes everyone in the chapter to help to make this event a success. The biggest thing is to have a big smile on your face and make the members from other chapters welcome and to help them in any way we can. Our event is known as the best hospitality room and members with the most hospitality in the Mason Dixon Conference. Please let's keep this going at our venue this year.

The membership voted to donate money to the Harrison County Child Advocacy Center and also the Randolph/Tucker Counties Child Advocacy Center. Both are having motorcycle runs again this year and it would be great to see as many members as possible to attend these events.

The Chapter Motorcycle Safety Program is starting in May. We will have three (3) billboard up for the summer. They will be in Clarksburg, Fairmont and Elkins. I will be sending out the art work and exact locations as soon as I have it.

Ride with Pride,

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 10th, 2018 it will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. We will have pizza before the meeting.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 10th, 2018 it will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. We will have pizza before the meeting.

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

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

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Marty McNulty

ROLL CALL

April Meeting: Robby Robinson, Marty McNulty, Ethel Tyler, Charles Luzader, Jim Enoch, Rene Noe, Eugene Botting, Fred LePera, Lewis Stevens, Walter Knight, Mike Neely, Don Wikert, Randy Biggins, Doug Baker, Del Parris, Steven Hamling, Russ Swiger, Rex Talkington, Rexann Martin, and Ed Martin.

Guest: State Rep Marshall Parker; Brandi Knight & Becky Green

Chapter Safety Officer

As I was looking over my First Aid Kit to get ready for this riding season, I starting looking what I needed to replace or renew. I then remembered an article that James Davis posted a few years ago and read over it again. He is the article.

First Aid Kits

Does yours need a check-up?

By: Cash Anthony

Do you carry a First Aid kit on your bike? If so, when is the last time you took a look inside? Many riders probably carry kits which were purchased to meet a perceived safety requirement (or to qualify for a safe-riding badge), but if you don't know what your First Aid kit contains, you may be unpleasantly surprised if you ever need to use it.

What passes for a First Aid kit from sources such as discount stores and auto supply shops (and sometimes given away as Poker Run prizes) may be woefully short of what is needed for our sport. In case of a motorcycle accident, I dislike to say it, but band-aids ain't gonna help much, folks.

I was lucky enough to take a First Aid course a couple of years ago with some of the best EMS people I've ever met, at the home of our Assistant CDs for GWTA Chapter "I", Kathy and John Holly. The team who taught the course had handled serious accidents on a daily basis -- in fact, the woman in charge told me it was rare for them to be on the job for a shift without having to perform CPR at least once -- and they had come upon a number of accidents involving motorcyclists. They stressed several things that have really stuck in my mind.

- Your First Aid kit needs to have a really good pair of scissors in it, to cut away (thick) clothing. If you can't see the injured area, it's hard to figure out what is best to do. You may find it worthwhile to invest in a heavy-duty shears which can handle thick material.
- Every rider should carry a pair (several pairs is best) of latex gloves to be used in case of an accident where blood is spilled. Having them on your bike may allow persons who want to assist you to make that decision without fear of contamination, as well as being available to you to help someone else.
- A good First Aid kit should have a number of triangle bandages in it, which can be easily made from inexpensive muslin purchased at any fabric or discount department store -- I got mine for about .99 a yard. These pieces should be large enough that you can make a sling from them, or fold them to use as a pressure-point type bandage, or put them on a head injury to hold other bandages into place. Mine are about 30" by 30" and are cut on the diagonal. These are just unbleached muslin, but they are clean and strong and BIG. I've NEVER seen a commercially purchased First Aid kit with these supplied. If you need more than one (for example, after making a sling for an arm, it's a good idea to immobilize that arm by binding it to the upper body), you can tie several of these together if the patient is a large individual. Carrying a minimum of three triangle bandages would be a good idea.
- I've also seen very few kits that have anything like enough sterile gauze pads. If you need to put pressure on a bleeding wound, you'll go through these items fast and will want enough to add another clean one often. NOTE: **Place a new gauze patch on top of an existing blood soaked patch** in order to prevent tearing any existing clotting that has begun and reopening a wound.
- It is helpful to have a bottle of filtered or distilled water in your kit. This can be useful in case of broken bones, eye injuries, cleaning out other minor injuries, and for dehydration. If you've got a compound fracture, it may be helpful to put a muslin bandage over a damp gauze bandage on the end of the exposed bone, to keep it from drying out, though an experienced EMS person has advised to simply use a clean (sterile), dry, dressing as you would any other open wound. Many minor problems can be dealt with initially by washing them with clean water, and debris in the eye can often be relieved by this, with nothing else required. (Even if the water isn't distilled or filtered, it can still be used if it's of potable quality.)
- In the case of very bad head injuries, it's not unusual to have substantial eye injuries. Unfortunately, eyes can come out of place on impact. The recommended First Aid in this situation is to have a cup (like a clean Styrofoam cup) available to contain the damaged and displaced eye, and to strap that cup onto the face with a triangle bandage or use a roll of gauze. The medical folks today can do amazing things to put an eye back into place, but it's a good idea to bandage both eyes to keep the person from panicking (and to slow the 'eye-matching' reflexes, which try to make our eyes work together), while touching and reassuring the injured party. Having a clean cup in your kit may permit you to do someone an invaluable service by helping to save their sight.
- Those who haven't taken a CPR or First Aid class in a while might be interested to know that the American Heart Association guidelines on CPR have been changing gradually. The last time I took one (about 14 months ago), I found that the procedure was not exactly the same as what I'd been taught in my previous courses. But all these courses do strongly recommend that a person who is going to administer CPR have a barrier available to protect them from the bodily fluids of the injured party. This may be a plastic gadget that looks like a kitchen gripper, with a hole in it for a breathing tube, or a more sophisticated mask that can keep a rescuer's face and lips away from the injured party while he or she breathes for the person who's down. These items are inexpensive and are available at medical supply shops, but I've yet to see a commercial First Aid kit that comes with one.
- Most simple First Aid kits contain some kind of antiseptic ointment or cream. These can be useful for minor sunburns or insect bites, but they should usually NOT be used on an serious injury. When the medical folks start working on a wound, they don't want to wonder what has already been applied to it. When in doubt, throw it out.

In case of an accident, the first response these days is to call 911. In most regions of the country, even in rural areas, emergency assistance can be sent out right away. However, if you ever become a witness to a bad accident, you'll discover how important it is to have current information and adequate First Aid gear, even if you can't really do very much at the scene. It may save a life to know what NOT to do.

When you reach for that First Aid kit, you'll be better prepared if you know what's in it and how to use it. Take some time to look at what you're carrying on your bike, to see if it's what you really need.

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Ride With Pride Walter Knight

Road Captains POTHOLE SAFETY TIPS

- **Keep an eye on traffic patterns.** A number of cars that slows down or move quickly to other lanes may be a sign of major potholes or road damage ahead.
- **Avoid the urge to swerve out of the way of a pothole at the last minute.** You may swerve into the path of an oncoming vehicle. Risking damage to your car is wiser than risking the loss of your life or that of another person.
- **If you hit a pothole and suspect damage, pull over as soon as it is safe.** If you notice damage, record details and specific damage—just as you would in the event of a collision with another motorist—in case you need to file an insurance claim.
- **In West Virginia you can file a claim with the DOT.** It may take up to 18 months to get your money but hopefully you will be reimbursed.
- Check in at least annually with your independent insurance agent to **ensure that you have the right coverage.**

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

Chaplain’s Corner

So often when we think about praying we think of a special time we may set aside to pray, but in his first letter to the Thessalonians Paul urges us to “pray without ceasing.” In other words we are to live in a prayerful mood throughout the day no matter where we are or what we are doing. Our prayer may be asking God for wisdom to navigate a difficult situation or asking God to encourage someone we see who appears to be down. We can remember to God some sick friends while riding our bikes down the highway or while stopped at a red light. We can ask for strength and courage to do the right thing when faced with an ethical dilemma or when we need to stand up for the good.

This of course does not preclude a specific time to pray and reflect on our spiritual life. Such a time is the groundwork for living prayerfully throughout the day. It plants the seed for a “continual yearning for God”, in the words of Henri Nouwen, a Catholic priest. In my own life I know that I am always trying to expand my understanding of prayer, but most importantly, if there is a desire for prayer, and it comes from our heart God will hear us.

**Del Parris
Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII**

Committee Reports

None

Membership Articles

None

UP COMING EVENTS

2018 Spring MDC Conference, Danville, VA, May 25 - 28, 2018. Hosted by VA XIII, Comfort Inn & Suites, 100 Tower Drive, Danville, VA, 434-793-2000. \$85.00 plus tax per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Registration for event is \$85.00 per person. Contact Keith Johnson 434-429-2531 va13@bluenights.org.

2018 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. June 8, 9, & 10, 2018. **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 and the Code is BNG, Rooms \$104.00 per night plus tax.** Event registration is \$80.00 after April 1st.

2018 Blue Knights International Convention, July 15 – 20, 2018, Stone Mountain, Ga., 30083. Hosted by GA XVI, host hotel is the Atlanta Evergreen Marriott, 4021 Lakeview Dr. Stone Mountain, Ga 30083, (770) 879-9900. Room Rate: \$139.00/ single, \$156.00/ double occupancy, \$193.00/ triple occupancy, \$230.00/ quad occupancy plus taxes and hotel fees. Registration: \$120.00 / person full week basic, can be done with paper or on line! Visit their website for full details. Convention Website: <https://bkic2018.com/>

2018 Law Ride National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial, Washington, D.C., Sunday, May 13th, 2018. Line up at 10:00 am, RFK Stadium, Washington, D.C.

2018 West Virginia II Summer Picnic, will be Tuesday night, July 24, 2018 at the Lewis County Park, 257 Smith Run Rd, Weston, WV 26452. *Picnic starts at 6:30 PM until 9 PM.* Brother Hoskins has set this up.

Warren T. Holmes Memorial Crab Feast & Family Weekend, August 3-5, 2018. Hosted by Maryland I, THE **CRAB FEAST IS ON SATURDAY**, August 4, 2018!! Knight of Columbus 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie, MD (**INDOORS**) Doors open at 11:30 AM Crabs Served at Noon. Once again, the members of MARYLAND I invite you to the best event on the east coast. The food is good and the cost is reasonable. The HOSPITALITY is next to none! All proceeds go to charity. **ACTIVITIES** - Marine Corps Evening Parade (Friday), Washington MD Tour (Sat Evening), Skills Competition at Crab Feast and 50/50 (on going). **HOTEL** - Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD (301) 464-0089, rate is \$121.50 plus taxes, Incl. Sat & Sun hot breakfast. **REGISTRATION WEEKEND** - Registration fee of \$85 includes hospitality room Friday and Saturday, Marine Corps Parade, Tours, and Crab Feast, (Children under 12 yrs. \$55). **SATURDAY ONLY** - Pre-Registered Adults: \$60 (Children under 12 yrs. \$35). Tables at the Crab Feast may be reserved with pre-registration for groups of eight. NOTE: \$5.00 late fee applied to all registrations after July 1, 2018. Contact: 301-996-8288.

2018 West Virginia II, Friday, December 14th, 2018, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm. Ballroom A.

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

Drawing: The April 12th, 2018 was worth \$15.00. Brother Bill Rowe's name was drawn and he was not present so the money for May 2018 drawing will be \$20.00.

Next Meeting Location

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West Virginia Motorcycle Roads

Welcome to Motorcycle Roads. US - your one-stop resource for great motorcycle roads™ in West Virginia. **Our mission**, as a service to the motorcycle community, is to provide a comprehensive listing of roads available from various Internet [resources](#) or contributed by motorcycle riders.

Roads are color coded by their primary characteristic: **Scenic**; **Sweeping Curves**; **Twisties**; and **Unpaved**. A **twisty** road is defined as one which has switchbacks or is 'left, right, left, right,' etc. An **unpaved** road is hard-packed gravel, but would be suitable for most road bikes. The code assigned is subjective and based on information from the Internet resource, Rand McNally Road Atlas, Microsoft® Streets & Trips, State highway maps, and motorcycle riders.

Each road has its own page which includes a map, rider comments, links to other resources, and a listing of connecting routes. However, you should visit the resources listed for more information such as road conditions, directions, tourist attractions, and safety precautions. Click on the road designation or name to view its page.

Roads are listed by geographical area. Preceding the route number or name is a small icon which indicates the general direction of the route. ↔ = e-w, ↑ = n-s, and O = loop. Many of the roads intersect or connect with each other. To plan your tour or ride, get out your road atlas or state highway map and have fun. Enjoy your ride and remember, **Ride Safe!**



Select an area from the map.

Ohio Valley

Click on route number for more information and map.

- ↔ **SR 5** - Elizabeth to Burnsville - 64 miles
- ↔ **SR 7** - New Martinsville to Corinth - 106 miles
- ↑ **SR 16** - St Marys to Bishop, Virginia - 246 miles - "...narrow in lots of places, switchbacks here and there..."
- ↔ **SR 23** - Tyler to Salem - 30 miles
- ↔ **SR 47** - Parkersburg to Linn - 62 miles - "...a treasure more riders should experience."
- ↔ **US 33** - Ripley to Richmond, Virginia - 342 miles - "The trip over the mountain is something you will never forget..."
- ↔ **US 40** - Wheeling to West Alexander, Pennsylvania - 15 miles - National Road
- ↔ **US 50** - Parkersburg to Capon Bridge - 203 miles - "...TWO sets of hairpin turns..."
- ↑ **US 250** - Moundsville to Waynesboro, Virginia - 244 miles - "One of the great stretches of federal highway in the east."
- NEW** ↔ **Old Route 50** - Parkersburg to Clarksburg - 70 miles

Mountains & Lakes Country

Click on route number for more information and map.

- ↔ **SR 4** - Clendenin to Sutton - 61 miles - "...loaded with long sweepers from one end to the other."
- ↔ **SR 5** - Elizabeth to Burnsville - 64 miles
- ↔ **SR 7** - New Martinsville to Corinth - 106 miles
- ↔ **SR 15** - Sutton to Valley Head - 65 miles - "This road has it all and makes you remember why you bought a bike in the first place!"
- ↑ **SR 20** - Clarksburg to Bluefield - 216 miles
- ↑ **SR 26** - Brandonville to Fellowsville - 33 miles - "Twisty, low traffic, sharp corners, a sportbikers delight!"
- ↔ **SR 38** - Phillipi to St George - 23 miles
- ↔ **SR 39** - Summersville to Lexington, Virginia - 134 miles
- ↔ **SR 57** - Romines Mills to Phillipi - 12 miles - Elk City Road
- ↑ **SR 72** - Kingwood to Red Creek - 54 miles - "...narrow with many switchbacks..."
- ↔ **SR 93** - Davis to Claysville - 34 miles - "Great road...twisty and awesome scenery."
- ↑ **SR 150** - Edray to Junction SR 39 - 23 miles
- ↔ **US 33** - Ripley to Richmond, Virginia - 342 miles - "The trip over the mountain is something you will never forget..."
- ↔ **US 50** - Parkersburg to Capon Bridge - 203 miles - "...TWO sets of hairpin turns..."
- ↑ **US 219** - Redhouse, Maryland to Rich Creek - 200 miles
- ↑ **US 250** - Moundsville to Waynesboro, Virginia - 244 miles - "One of the great stretches of federal highway in the east."
- ↑ **I-79** - Weston to Charleston - 100 miles - "...THE MOST fun you will ever have on an interstate highway."

- ↑ **CR 3** - Brandonville to Terra Alta - 18 miles - Brandonville Turnpike - "Starts out tame, for about 4 miles, then comes the fun!"
- ↑ **CR 37** - Beverly to Valley Bend - 15 miles
- ↑ **CR 53** - Terra Alta to Aurora - 10 miles - Aurora Pike
- ↑ **CR 112/5** - Aurora to St George - 16 miles - CR 112 in Preston County & CR 5 in Tucker County

Potomac Highlands

Click on route number for more information and map.

- ↔ **SR 9** - Paw Paw to Leesburg, Virginia - 88 miles - "...takes you up and over the mountains..."
- ↑ **SR 29** - Paw Paw to Augusta - 20 miles - "Nice scenic valley, nice cruiser."
- ↑ **SR 42** - Blaine to Petersburg - 41 miles
- ↔ **SR 55** - Seneca Rocks to Strasburg, Virginia - 85 miles "Twisty and scenic, a sweeper here and there."
- ↔ **SR 93** - Davis to Claysville - 34 miles - "Great road...twisty and awesome scenery."
- ↑ **SR 259** - Baker to Broadway, Virginia - 38 miles
- ↔ **US 33** - Ripley to Richmond, Virginia - 342 miles - "The trip over the mountain is something you will never forget..."
- ↔ **US 50** - Parkersburg to Capon Bridge - 203 miles - "...TWO sets of hairpin turns..."

New River & Greenbrier Valleys

Click on route number for more information and map.

- ↔ **SR 3** - Shady Spring to Sweet Springs - 75 miles - "One of my favorite roads anywhere."
- ↑ **SR 10** - Huntington to Princeton - 146 miles - "Great road to ride...and it's fun every time."
- ↑ **SR 12** - Forest Hill to Peterstown - 14 miles
- ↑ **SR 16** - St Marys to Bishop, Virginia - 246 miles - "...narrow in lots of places, switchbacks here and there..."
- ↑ **SR 20** - Clarksburg to Bluefield - 216 miles
- ↑ **SR 85** - Danville to Oceana - 45 miles - "The road is a must ride!"
- ↔ **SR 122** - Forest Hill to Raines Corner - 14 miles - "Secondary road with some unlined areas..."
- ↑ **US 19** - Beckley to Princeton - 40 miles
- ↑ **US 52** - Kenova to Bluefield - 166 miles
- ↔ **US 60** - Charleston to White Sulphur Springs - 111 miles - "...great twisties up and down the mountains."
- ↑ **US 219** - Redhouse, Maryland to Rich Creek - 200 miles
- ↑ **I-79** - Weston to Charleston - 100 miles - "...THE MOST fun you will ever have on an interstate highway."