



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



April 2020 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

NOTICE: As all of you should know by now the 2020 Spring Mason Dixon Conference for May 22-24, 2020 has been canceled. After talking with the Mason Dixon Conference Board, they were in agreement with the cancelation of the event. We will be hosting the 2021 MDC on Labor Day Weekend next year. I have made contact with the Holiday Inn Express in Elkins and they have canceled all the Blue Knights rooms for May 2020. Greg the manager for Holiday Inn Express is going to try and work with us so we can host the event next year. I have not been able to contact the American Legion as of yet. Brother Steve Richards is also attempting to make contact with them.

Our Cash Bash drawing for April 18th, 2020 has been rescheduled for Saturday June 20th, 2020. If the clubhouse is able to open by then. If not, we will reschedule it for another later date.

Road Captains are still working and updating on the 2020 Rides & Events Schedule for the chapter. This schedule is in continuous progress. If you have information of any rides or events please send that information in so it can be added to the list. You will be getting emails of the schedule every month and there will be a hard copy at the meetings. As you should expect most if not all of the riding events up until at least July have been canceled or postponed.

What do you all think about canceling the chapter picnic for this year? It appears that this virus will still be going on until about August or September according to the experts. So, should we put our families in a position to put on this event? All members that were on the conference meeting agreed that we should cancel the Chapter Picnic in July.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

I am still trying to get new members for our chapter but this is also what each and everyone of us should be doing. If you need some literature on the Blue Knights please contact me or President Ed Martin so we can get you the information. There are still 3 members that said they were sending in their dues but the chapter has not received them as of yet. Please send them in.

Remember that we are a riding club and as soon as this coronavirus is over, I am planning on getting out on the road and riding again. There are several restaurants and roads for me to visit. So please while we must stay at home get your motorcycles prepared and ready to go for the day that we can hit the road and enjoy this beautiful

state as well as other states. The more we get out and let other police officers see us as a group the more members we will be able to recruit.

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Catch the fever.

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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Hello to my fellow Sister n Brothers of Blue Knights WVII. Missing all of you. Hoping this finds you and your family in good health n spirits. Many of the events are being cancelled to a later date and some to next year. As soon as the Governor's ease our travel n gathering restrictions, we will be at its hot n heavy for catch up's. Sure, looking forward to Culpeper. Hang in there Blue Knights WVII.

Respectfully,

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

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

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 motorcycleists. 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 a 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

4 Motorcycle Safety Tips for Spring Riding



During spring, your desire to get on the road and feel some wind in your face is overpowering. However, before you hit the road, you should slow down a bit and think about getting ready for the new riding season. Here are four safety tips to bear in mind.

1. Get Your Motorcycle Tuned Up

Your bike has been parked for months and needs to be prepped for the new season. Your wheels need air and should be inspected for cracks and leaks. Make sure your battery has a full charge. Check the lights, fluids, cables, belts and brakes. If you're new to motorcycling, take your machine to a good bike mechanic for a tune up.

2. Get Your Riding Skills Tuned Up

Several months of not riding means that your skills are rusty. Take it easy on your first few rides to reacquaint yourself with your bike, the roads and the traffic. It might not hurt to take a motorcycle training course to get those reflexes and skills well honed.

3. Beware of Motorists in the Spring

What makes motorists different in the spring? The long winter season of driving on roads without motorcycles means their motorcycle awareness is nearly nonexistent. Keep your headlights on, wear highly visible clothing and be extra defensive on the road.

4. Beware of Spring Road Conditions

After several months of winter, the roads will have large accumulations of sand, salt and debris left over from plowing and winter road treatments. This debris will be on road sides, intersections and on corners. You will have to allow more distance for braking because of increased tire slip from the sand and salt. For the same reason, you should take corners at a slower speed. Other road hazards include frost heaves, potholes, pavement cracks and chunks of loose tar. Remember that water puddles make these hazards more difficult to see. One other preparation for the new season is to make sure your motorcycle insurance coverage provides enough protection. If you haven't reviewed your policy in a while, call your insurance agent today.

Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John "Spot" McCloud

Chaplain's Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

08APR20 Inventory:

Coins 83, Hats: Solid 14, Mesh 12, Chapter Pins 80, Paracord bracelet 13, BK WVII Chapter Patch 104, Heaven 1 Patch (no trademark) 76, Big International BK Patch 3, Upper Rocker 8, Lower Rocker 7, Large Chapter Flag 1, BK Medium Patch 7, BK Small Patch 7, LE & MC set 10

Quartermaster Bank: Cash \$610.00

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MDC Safety Officer

5 Reasons to take a Motorcycle Safety Class (Basic or Experienced)

A Safer Commute

Whether you are riding your bike to work every day or just want to take a relaxing ride one afternoon, taking a safety course will make your commute safer.

You might get a Discount on your Insurance

Every State is different but you could get a discount on your insurance if you take a Motorcycle Safety Class. Check with your Insurance company to see if completing a motorcycle safety training course will save you some money.

You'll Learn How to Ride Defensively

As a motorcyclist, you are one of the most vulnerable drivers on the road. Although highways are typically the most dangerous for motorcycles, any road can be considered hazardous for a motorcycle. When you take a motorcycle safety course, you will learn how to ride defensively (which is a must when sharing the road with others).

Keeping your Skills Sharp

One of the many benefits to taking an Experienced Rider course is that it reminds you of what you may experience on the road. Some safety courses take place in a protected and controlled environment, but some use open highways and utilize Motor Officers that observe your riding and then give you good feedback on how to ride better.

You'll Be More Confident

Some of the safest motorcyclists on the road are confident. One of the main purposes of a motorcycle training course, other than teaching riders about safety, is to make sure that all

motorcyclists are confident. Being confident on the road will help you stay more calm in a stressful or dangerous situations. While some riders just want to ride because it makes them look cool, confidently and safely is the way we should all strive to ride.

Ride Safe, Ride Often & Ride with Pride !

Bub Overby
MDC Safety Officer

Committee Reports

From Membership

This is from Brother Ron Watson: his may be news worthy....I have attached a draft copy of the Proclamation that I intend on presenting to the various law enforcement agencies that serve Harrison County at our County Commission meeting that is scheduled for May 6th. If we don't have a meeting due to the Coronavirus I will still present this in front of the courthouse as a press release on that date. As you know all events that was scheduled in Washington, DC for National Police Week May 10th thru May 16th have been cancelled. Also National Peace Officer' Memorial Day is May 15th. Let me know if you need additional information.

WHEREAS, in 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day and calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agencies of Harrison County play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Harrison County; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agencies recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agencies of Harrison County unceasingly provide a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harrison County Commission does hereby proclaim the week of May 10, 2020 – May 16, 2020 as

“NATIONAL POLICE WEEK”

and call upon the citizens of Harrison County, all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe this week, with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED that the Harrison County Commission does here by proclaim May 15, 2020 as

“NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL DAY”

in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

PASSED by the County Commission of Harrison County, West Virginia this 6th day of May, 2020.

President Ronald R. Watson,

Commissioner David L. Hinkle,

Commissioner Patsy S. Trecost, II,

Susan J. Thomas, County Clerk

UP COMING EVENTS

July

2020 Summer Bash: July 22 – 26, 2020, Chesapeake, VA, Hosted by VA V. Delta by Marriott, 725 Woodlake Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23320. Room are \$109.00 per night and registration for event is \$109.00 per person.

Blue Ride, Sunday, July 26, 2020; Hosted by PA XVI. Registration will be at North Strabane Twp. Volunteer Fire Department on Rt19 Canonsburg PA from 9am to 11 am, and we will depart promptly at 11:30.

2020 MD I Crab Fest: July 31 – Aug 2, 2020. Bowie, MD, Hosted by MD I. Comfort Inn Conference Center, 4500 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20716, USA.

August

August 16, 2020: Blue Knights West Virginia II chapter ride to Quinet’s Restaurant, New Martinsville, WV.

2020 Summer GLRC Conference: Erie, PA, August 21 – 22, 2020, Hosted by PA XVIII. [The Bel-Aire - Clarion Hotel and Conference](#), 2800 W. 8th St., Erie, PA 16506. 814-833-1116. Overflow Hotel: Comfort Inn, Presque Isle, 3041 W. 12th St. Erie, PA 16505. 814-498-5848. Registration: \$70.00 before December 31, 2019. Early registrations placed in Friday night drawing. Rooms: Start at \$109.00 booked prior to July 31, 2020. Rooms booked after July 31, 2020 at regular rate \$189.00.

September

2020 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, Sept 4 - 7, 2020. Hosted by VA II, Best Western Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253, room rate is \$90.00 per night; Blue Knights Virginia – II, P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. This will be the 44st Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823 or VA2@blueknights.org.

2020 NWRC: Sept 10 – 13, 2020, Hosted by NE I & SD I, (Hot Springs, SD). Host location is the Mueller Center, 801 S 6th St, Hot Spring, SD 57747. 605-745-3446. Registration is \$85.00 per person up to August 1, 2020. After August 1 cost goes up to \$90.00 per person
Registration form will be posted at a later date. There will be numerous rides that you should sign up for so they have a head count for each There will be a bus ride to the Lighting Ceremony at Mount Rushmore (There will likely be a charge for this bus ride to help cover part of the cost of the buses).

2020 Patriot Ride, Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 10.00 AM. Location is the Mountaineer Military Museum, 345 Center Ave, Weston, WV 26452. The Patriot Ride was formed and will be scheduled to the Saturday closest September 11th every year, a remembrance of a dark hour in our history that revealed the American Spirit to not let fear overwhelm us. Kick stands up at noon, ride to the WV VA nursing home for a stop to honor our Veterans there, and return for after ride food and festivities. \$15 per person. Ride T-Shirts will be available on first come basis. All money raised goes to support the Mountaineer Military Museum.
facebook.com/events/2466455263434569/

October

2020 Tri-State Conference: Oct 9 – 12, 2020. Location to be determined.
Sunday

November

Harrison County Toy Run: November 29, 2020 at South Harrison High School, Lost Creek, WV
Lineup before 12:30 pm. Kickstands up at 1 PM.

December

2020 West Virginia II, Friday, December 11th, 2020, 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: None

Drawing: No drawing because we had a virtual meeting. May drawing will be \$5.00, if not a virtual meeting.

Roll Call:

Zoom:

Mike Neely, Ron Watson, Mike Pollinger, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

By Telephone:

Becky/Lou Stevens.

Facebook:

Rene Noe, Doug Baker, Terry Queen, Kelli/Robby Robinson, Sherry/Scott Hunt, Andy Kolb, Ethel Tyler, Darci/Andrew Menendez, Janice/Paul Brady, Russ Swiger, and Bobby Ryan.

Guess on Facebook:

Frank Fallow, Diana Book, Fred Mason, John William Gleason, Tom Hayden, Larry Bailey, Fred McCommas, Donna Belcastro, Rory MacConnell, Cal Ennals, Bridget Swisher, Tai Smith, DJ Alvarez, TC Hicks, Pat Fox Dave Martin, John P.T. Gordon, John Bull, Deb Klug-Gennari, Brenda Wamsley, Chuck Diaz, Rosemarie Foschia, Steve Smith, Dan Boyle, Anabel Myers, and Becky Ryan.

Next Meeting Location

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