



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## April 2024 Newsletter

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

Donna is starting up the monthly drawing to help get our guest to keep coming back to support us. Monthly drawing is worth \$100.00. We need members to get their door prizes and auction ideas turned in for the Spring MDC. Please drop off the items at the clubhouse.

As of today, we have 8-chapter members with room reservations and 13 rooms from outside of our chapter taken. We also only have 28 people pre-registered. Fifteen-chapter members/significant others have sent in their registrations.

This year Pipestem will be setting up and providing all food and drinks (mostly) and it will be in two different rooms. Hospitality in one room and dinner and breakfast in another. We will need help with setting up the registration and welcome area. This area is very close to the Hospitality and Dining Rooms. We will need workings to sell t-shirts, 50/50 tickets, help with the door prize table, help setup and sell the auction tickets and registration itself. Of course, we need a member or two that will help with the trash cans. We don't want them to over flow and making a mess. The lodge staff will watch it also but when we see it getting full, we need to change them out. This helps both Pipestem and makes our chapter look good. If members could work in pairs and do about 2 hours each, I think we can have everything covered and still allow our members time to socialize. So, when you arrive at Pipestem please come and sign up. Remember this is like first come, first serve. We will be arriving on Thursday afternoon and hopefully we can unload the trailer that evening and get most of the stuff set up then so when we open at 2 pm thing will be ready to go.

We are working on having an axe throwing tournament on Saturday. We need about 8 people to register. I think we have 2 members from the chapter that will be entering the tournament. Please let me know if you would like to participate in this event as soon as you can. If we don't have enough by May 10<sup>th</sup> I will have to cancel it.

I would like for some members to contact our Road Captains and get a few rides set up. Also road captains you should be setting up a few chapter rides soon.

Ride with Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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

The picnic committee is working hard on making sure we have good food at the picnic. Now is the time to start getting the names ready to send end so we will be able to have the food. The committee is working on a few games for the adults and children to play. We are working on the food items for the picnic. BBQ, cowboy beans, potato salad, coleslaw, and deserts. Caterer is John White.

Brother Knight and I delivered the trailer to City Neon on April 18, 2024.

On April 24, 2024, President Martin, Sister Martin and I went to City Neon and got the decals and all ordered for the trailer. We also order a few different banners for different events. They should have the trailer done before the Spring MDC.

**Catch the fever.**

Ride with Pride

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***Jim Enoch***

***SECRETARY'S NOTES:***

Just want to inform the chapter that we donated to the following organization at the April meeting: The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Derek Hotsinpillar Fallen Stars Memorial 5k Race, the Rick Barnhart Memorial Golf Tournament, National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, the In Step Dance & Fitness, the Randolph County Deputy Sheriff's Association Golf Tournament, the Request donation for Royal Family Boosters Cheerleading group, 2024 West Virginia FOP State Conference hospitality room this year, and the Bridgeport Challenger Baseball.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Respectfully,

Lewis "Lou" Stevens

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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**

**After the Accident**

**Just because they're standing doesn't mean they aren't hurt**

By: Clem Colman & Nick Marks

You've just come round the bend and seen your riding partner take a serious slide, tumble or even impact. However, before you are able to stop your bike your friend is back on their feet and you breathe a sigh of relief.

There are a number of unobvious, but important things to remember in this situation.

- The casualty's body will be pumped full of adrenaline. It is quite possible that without this adrenaline they would not even be able to move. However, at the time their condition will be deceptive, as they will appear remarkably alert, strong, and healthy.

- Injuries are not always apparent. The casualty could be conscious and coherent, but still suffering from a number of dangerous and life-threatening injuries such as spinal damage, internal bleeding or even concussion.
- The casualty will be confused, and will not be able to make clear decisions.

Therefore, I would recommend the following for all but the most trivial of falls:

- Immobilize the casualty as quickly as possible to prevent aggravation of any spinal injury. If possible, place some sort of support collar around the rider's neck, and if they are still wearing their helmet do not remove it and do not let the casualty remove it.
- Send for an ambulance as quickly as possible, despite whatever pleas the casualty may make to the contrary. Do not call friends, relations etc. to give them a ride. An ambulance will provide the safest ride to hospital, particularly if there is any undetected spinal damage.

Dealing with a conscious patient is far more difficult than an unconscious one. If possible, it is probably best to have a person that the casualty trusts on hand to help strengthen your persuasiveness.

The casualty will most probably be worried about the state of their motorcycle. Remember that they are confused, and not thinking clearly. If manpower allows it, arrange for the bike to be stood up and taken care of as best as possible. When the casualty asks you about their motorcycle, give them an honest answer. The reason is simple, if they think you are lying, they will want to see it themselves.

Assure the casualty that their motorcycle will be alright, and if possible, ask them were they would like it taken. It is best to promise the casualty that you will get the bike to where they ask, even if you have no idea how this is going to be achieved. Your most important duty is to keep the casualty as still as possible until trained help arrives.

The reason I have written these things, is that at the time it may seem unnecessary to take these steps, but please remember that the casualty may be seriously injured, despite their ability to smile and joke about the fall. Furthermore, due to the adrenaline rush, they will probably feel quite well, and try to argue over the above recommended course of treatment.

All of these comments are based on a real life experience that I recently had, where the seemingly healthy casualty was in fact suffering from massive soft tissue damage, possible spinal damage and mild concussion as a result of a nearly fatal fall.

I was thinking clearly enough to force him to go to hospital to be checked out, but not clearly enough to realize that just because he was walking didn't actually mean he was more or less unhurt. As a result of this, I made him sit down, but didn't immobilize him as I should have, and arranged a ride in a private car as opposed to an ambulance.

I am happy to say that the possible spinal damage seems to have never occurred, and that my friend and riding companion seems to be recovering well from his very near brush with death.

Although my friend's bike was written off, I still call things like this free lessons, and thought that others out there might like to learn this one the easy way.

Clem Colman,  
Canberra, Australia.

The following addition to this Tip was provided by Nick Marks, an EMT and volunteer firefighter who has worked many motorcycle accident scenes. - JRD

I have a couple of things to add to this one, based on my EMT training as well as my experiences doing on-track medical at motorcycle races (we deal with crashed riders mostly).

The part about not removing the helmet is critical unless you have had special training on how to do it properly (and it requires two people). But one thing to be prepared for is that riders that have crashed and gone under (unconscious) often are very claustrophobic when they wake up, and want their helmet removed NOW, especially if it is a full-face (they will fight you to get it off). Do not let them convince you to remove it unless there is a medical need to remove it. Keep in mind that anyone that has gone unconscious or has hit their head MUST be assumed to have cervical spine damage until proven otherwise at a hospital.

If a crashee is confused, this could be due to an altered mental status, possible due to the early signs of shock. I have actually seen an automobile crash where a driver was up and looking fine. We were able to convince him to go with us in the ambulance (we gave him the option of going with us or going with the deputy to jail). We were later told that he had massive internal bleeding and would have been dead within an hour had he not been taken to the hospital when he was.

The point is to look at what we call Mechanism of Injury. If a rider lowsides and does not flip, well and good. But if they highside, flip, or hit something, then they need to be seen by a doctor. Only an x-ray can really rule out spinal damage. The best way to get them to a doctor is by ambulance (not by you), because an ambulance has oxygen and other lifesaving equipment on board.

Nick Marks

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

**Ride with Pride,  
Walter Knight**

## **Road Captains Tire Pressure**

### **More temperature sensitive than you might think**

By: James R. Davis

As we are now into the colder months of the year, I thought it appropriate to post a reminder about tire pressures and the effect of temperature on same.

Stamped on the outside of many of your tires is a recommended tire pressure range. (At least an upper limit.) For longest tire life it is my recommendation that you strive to keep them at the higher limit of those recommendations (regardless of what your motorcycle owner's manual might say to the contrary.) Further, this pressure should be determined while the tires are cold - meaning, have not been used for a couple of hours.

Time and outside temperature effect the pressure within your tires. It is NORMAL for a tire to lose about 1 pound per square inch (psi) per month. Outside temperatures affect your tire pressure far more profoundly, however. A tire's pressure can change by 1 psi for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit of temperature change. As temperature goes, so goes pressure.

For example, if a tire is found to have 38 psi on an 80-degree mid-summer day, it could lose enough air to have an inflation pressure of 26 psi on a 20-degree day six months later. This represents a loss of 6 psi over six

months and an additional loss of 6 psi due to the 60-degree temperature reduction.

At 26 psi, your tire is severely under inflated and dangerous!

There is nothing wrong with your tire if it behaves like this, of course. What is being illustrated here is that you MUST check your tire pressure on a regular basis (about once a week is reasonable) and to be particularly aware of it on cold days.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

## **Rene Noe, Terry Queen, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John “Spot” McCloud**

### **Chaplain’s Corner**

**Del Parris, Chaplain  
Blue Knights WVII**

### **Quartermaster**

Are you wearing your Blue Knights shirts or hoodies? If not why not?

Chapter items are at the clubhouse. If you need something contact me or one of the staff at the clubhouse. We have a lot of items on sale, please purchase something today.

If there is an item you think we should reorder or make a new item please contact me or Donna.

**Rene Noe**

### **\*Joke for the Day\***

When does Friday come before Thursday? In the dictionary.

Why did the drum go to bed early? It was beat.

Why do golfers wear two pairs of pants? In case they get a hole in one.

### **From Membership**

From Brother Zach Kesling...I’m going to be talking to the Pastor in the next couple weeks about us riding into Horizons Church for blessing of the bikes and a church service at the end of the memorial ride. While speaking with him I’m going to ask if we can have a meal after the service and see if we can get people to help with it from the church. I am asking if the Blue Knights would be interested in helping with the purchasing of hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns for the end of the event meal, for after the service. The Pastor seems to be on board with the event while talking briefly with him. Date as of now is unknown after I speak with the Pastor, I will hopefully have a date set for it. If all the planning goes through, I plan to put this flyer out with the information on it.

### **UP COMING EVENTS**

#### **2024 EVENTS**

**2024 Spring Mason Dixon Conference/Wild & Wonderful Knights**, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Pipestem Resort State Park, 3405 Pipestem Dr, Pipestem, WV. May 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL: Pipestem Resort State

Park, 304-466-1800; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE BLUE KNIGHTS GROUP. Rooms \$98.00 per night for standard room. Event registration is \$100.00 per person, and \$125.00 after April 15th.

2024 West Virginia II Summer Picnic, will be Sunday, June 9th, 2024 at the Westover City Park, 500 DuPont Rd, Westover, WV 26501. Picnic starts at NOON until 3 PM. Brothers Enock and Luzader has set this up. Food is going to be catered.

2024 50<sup>th</sup> International Convention: Hosted by Hosted by a committee for the Blue Knights International, host hotel is Sugarloaf Mountain in Carrabassett Valley, Maine. July 21-July 26, 2024. All rooms at resort are booked but there are many condos still available. The registration for the event is \$225.00 per person. Convention Information: The web site for the 2023 event has been activated for Blue Knights around the world. You can visit the web site by clicking on/going to [www.bki2024international.com](http://www.bki2024international.com) or check it out of the Blue Knights International website, [www.blueknights.org](http://www.blueknights.org). Host hotel is fully booked. Call Sugarloaf Resort Hotel at 1-800-843-5623, Mon-Fri 8am-4pm to reserve your condo.

2024 MDC Fall Conference/48<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Rally (Nighty Knights Theme); Culpeper, VA, Aug 30 - Sept 2, 2024. Hosted by VA II, Baymont Hotel, 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 46st Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$105.00 per person. Contact Dan Rivard 703-314-1012 or [VA2@blueknights.org](mailto:VA2@blueknights.org).

**Sick, Ill, or in Distress:** Brother Luzader and Brother Noe recovering from surgery.

**Drawing:** April drawing was \$20.00. Brother McNulty's name was drawn for the monthly drawing and he was not present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. May drawing will be \$25.00.

**Members in Attendance:** Randy Biggins, Ron Watson, Doug Baker, Lewis Stevens, Bill Bradley, Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Jim Enoch, Mike Neely, Russ Swiger, Terry Queen, Ethan Kesling, Zach Kesling, Rexann Martin, and Ed Martin.

**Facebook:** Larry Bailey, TR Queen, Chuckie Diaz, Cal Ennals, Ruth Stone, Bob Rhodes, Gunars Berzins, and Jane Watson.

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7 PM.

Hey, just to let you know that if you are a Blue Knight member you can join the Justice Federal Credit Union for just \$5.00 and also get one of their credit cards.

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