



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Just wanted to let everyone know that the chapter voted to help with the Flood Victims of North Central West Virginia. The chapter went to Sam's Club and purchased about \$1,000.00 worth of supplies and took the items to a couple fire departments to be given out to the flood victims. I want to thank Sheriff Robert Matheny, Rick Miller and the Harrison County Sheriff's Department to helping the chapter with delivering the supplies. Sheriff Matheny loaned a department truck and trailer and it was driven by Rick Miller who also help unload the trailer.

Remember that later this year our chapter will have an election for officer for the 2018 & 2019 years. Nomination will be at the October meeting. If you are interested in running please send me an article so I can put it in the newsletter for the members to know that you are running. Election will be at the November meeting.

On Sunday, August 6th members met at the Simpson Creek Covered Bridge in Bridgeport, WV and had a chapter group picture taken. This is the same location that the Clarksburg Exponent paper took a picture of the chapter in August of 1987 when we got our charter. On Monday, August 7th the chapter held its annual chapter picnic at the Lewis County Park, 257 Smith Run Rd, Weston, WV 26452. The weather was not the best but we had a very good time. Thank you, Brother Hoskins, and his staff for all the hard work to put on the picnic.

Board of Directors meeting for Monday, August 14, 2017 was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

It appears that we have given nearly \$7,000.00 in donations/sponsorships so far in 2017. We are helping our communities.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

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It appears that about 4 members have not sent in their 2017 dues, so President Martin has had them placed as members (not in good standing) and release them from our membership list.

Also, I would encourage you to talk to someone that would be a great addition to our BK WV II membership that meet the requirements and plant a seed with them about becoming a BLUE KNIGHT. 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

Greg & Tiffany Hoskins

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SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

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All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

We have a few members who have not paid the chapter for their 2017 dues. They have been notified several times and not responded so President Martin has had them placed as members (not in good standing) and release them from our membership list.

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

Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer

ROLL CALL

August Meeting: Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Del Parris, Rene Noe, Ethel Tyler, Rex Talkington, Russ Swiger, Randy Biggins, Doug Baker, Robby Robinson, Lou Stevens, Gene Botting, Ron Watkins, Don Wikert, Fred LePera and guest Mike Neely.

Chapter Safety Officer **THE T-CLOCK INSPECTION**

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation created the T-CLOCK mnemonic as a memory and organization ad for a pre-ride safety check of a typical motorcycle. Each letter represents a particular inspection category, as follows:

- T** - Tires & Wheels
- C** - Controls
- L** - Lights & Electrics
- O** - Oil
- C** - Chassis
- K** - Kickstand

TIRES AND WHEELS

Tires: Pressure correct (cold), tread condition. No cut, bulges, punctures of foreign objects.

Wheels: Spokes tight and intact; rims true; no free play when flexed; bearing seals intact; spin freely.

Brakes: Firm feel; sufficient pad depth, no leaks or links in hoses or cables.

CONTROLS

Lever: Pivot bolt and nut; action and position correct; pivots lubed.

Cables: Ends and shafts lubed; no fraying or kinks; no binding when handlebar turned; proper adjustment.

Hoses: Check for damage or leaks, proper routing.

Throttle: Snaps closed freely when released; no excess play.

LIGHTS

Brake and Taillight(s): All filaments work; both levers actuate brake light.

Headlight: All filaments work; properly aimed; no damage.

Lenses: Clean; no condensation; tight.

Reflectors: Clean; intact.

Battery: Fluid level; terminals clean and tight; held down securely; vent tube not kinked or miss-routed.

Wiring: Check for pinching or fraying; properly routed; no corrosion.

OIL AND FLUIDS

Levels: Brake fluid, oil, final drive, transmission, coolant, fuel.

Leaks: Check all systems for leaks.

Condition: Check color of brake fluid & coolant.

CHASSIS

Frame: Paint lifting or peeling may indicate cracking.

Steering head & swingarm bearings: Lift wheels off floor, grab lower fork legs and pull and push to feel for play; repeat at rear. Turn fork to feel for detents in bearings.

Suspension: Smooth movement; proper adjustment; no leaks.

Chain or belt: Tension; lube, look for wear.

Fasteners: Look for missing or loose threaded fasteners, clips, pins.

KICKSTAND

Sidestand: Retracts firmly; no bending or damage; cutout switch operates; spring intact.

Centerstand: Retracts firmly, no damage.

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

Road Captains

Autumn Riding Tips

Some bikers put their motorcycles away after Labor Day weekend, but many look forward to what can be some of the best riding weather. If you're planning on riding during autumn, make sure your bike is safe and ready to handle the change of the season.

Here are a few safety reminders to help you stay safe and avoid a [motorcycle accident](#), even as the leaves begin to change:

Check the Mechanics

After the summer riding season, your bike may need a tune-up. Check that all parts are functioning correctly and that you have good tread and air pressure in your tires. Make sure your fluid levels are good and that all controls are working properly.

Wear Proper Clothing

Autumn has many temperature changes. It can be quite chilly in the morning and still reach the mid-70s or 80s in the afternoon, depending on where you are. The best thing you can do to adjust to the changes is to dress in layers. You should never wear cotton as a base layer. Use thermal underwear or something with a synthetic blend as your base layer. On top of the base layer, wear comfortable riding attire. Don't wear a hoodie, but rather a zip-up sweatshirt or shirt.

Beat the Wind with Leather

It might be too hot to wear leather during the summer, but it's perfect for fall. Leather motorcycle jackets or chaps can protect you from the wind and keep you more comfortable while riding. They usually also have removable liners.

You can wear riding boots with synthetic liners and wool socks. This combination will let your feet breathe in case they get warm.

Finally, it's a good idea to wear a pair of synthetic glove liners underneath your leather biker gloves and pack fingerless leather gloves in a storage compartment. You'll be able to switch in the afternoon when you get too warm.

Switch to a Half- or Full-Visor Helmet

Cold air can be harsh on your eyes, so switch to a Department of Transportation-approved helmet.

Bring Your Rain Gear

A raw, chilling rain can cause hypothermia quickly, especially if you're not wearing the best riding attire. Always pack your rain gear, just in case.

Watch for Riding Hazards

Fallen leaves can be very slippery and cause accidents, and many deer are more active during autumn – especially during dawn and dusk. Keep your eyes out for any riding hazard so you have time to react.

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

Chaplain's Corner

Exodus 3:1-5 tells the story of Moses' encounter with the burning bush. The story is part of a larger story which includes Moses killing an Egyptian slave master and then fleeing to the hills. He consequently finds work caring for the sheep of a man who

would become his father-in-law. While doing a very ordinary thing, i.e., watching sheep graze, he sees this bush on fire and goes to investigate. This is when God spoke to him.

The story reminds me that God came to so many of the prophets and spiritual leaders of the Bible in the ordinary activities and events of their lives. I believe God continues to be revealed in these ways; however, it is most often that we are not paying attention or fail to investigate the feeling or sense that there is something very extraordinary going on in our lives.

While we may never lead slaves to freedom we do have many opportunities to be a voice of hope and reconciliation in our world. We have opportunities to show compassion in our dealing with others, to be a healing word to friends and neighbors who may be struggling. In our particularly busy, chaotic world filled with interruptions from phones and other sources it is easy to ignore the burning bush or to recognize we are standing on holy ground. God invites us to take off our shoes and to feel how holy every minute of our lives can be.

Del Parris
Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

Committee Reports

None

From Membership

None

UP COMING EVENTS

2017 Bike Night, 19 August 2017 will be our 16th annual Bike Night in Martinsburg, WV. The event will begin with the Law Ride. Registration will begin at 1pm at the Airborne Church (same place as last year) on Rock Cliff Drive in Martinsburg. The ride will begin sharply at 3pm this year. This will be a 47-mile ride through scenic Berkeley, Jefferson (WV) and Washington County, MD returning to Martinsburg between 5 and 530 pm. This is a fully escorted ride that will end in downtown Martinsburg at Bike Night. 8 August 2017

WV V's Bike Night will begin by hosting a training seminar on Outlaw Motorcycle gangs. The seminar will be instructed by Charlie Falco. Available only to active and retired LEO's. For more information or to register please contact KC at WVpres@gmail.com

WV V Hospitality Night

Our annual hospitality night will be held at our host hotel Holiday Inn on Foxcroft Ave in Martinsburg, WV. More info will be announced closer to the date. Plenty of food, beverages, and prizes. All chapter members are asked to bring a covered dish, especially deserts. This is the item we are usually lacking.

11th Annual Poker Run for Kids, Sat, August 19, 2017, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM EDT; Community Building in Montrose, WV. \$25 per player, includes lunch & t-shirt for those who pre-register*. Optional add-ons: \$5 for breakfast, \$10 for an extra card. *a limited supply of t-shirts will be available for purchase at the event for those who do not pre-register for \$10. On-site registration and breakfast starts at 9am on event day. First bike out at 10am, last bike out by 12pm. All cards due back by 4pm. Questions- call 304-630-2214. [by Randolph Tucker Children's Advocacy Center](#)

4th Annual Taste of the Mountains Winery Run, August 26, 2017. Sign up at 4T Arena (10 AM).

This helps the Harrison County Child Advocacy Center. The 4T Arena, 3854 Corbin Branch Rd, Bridgeport, WV 26330

2017 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, September 1 - 4, 2017. 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 41st Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823.

18th Annual Toy Run, Hosted by Virginia XIII, Danville, VA. October 21, 2017. Registration starts at 11 AM at Thunder Road Harley Davidson, 4870 Riverside Drive, Danville, VA

2017 West Virginia II, Friday, December 15th, 2017. West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm. Ballroom A.

2018 Winter MDC Conference, Newark, Delaware, February 16 - 18, 2018. Hosted by DE I, the host hotel is the Ramada Inn, 260 Chapman Road, Newark, Delaware, 19702, which is ¼ mile off of I-95 at Exit 3A. A great price of \$72.00 plus 8% tax has been obtained which includes a hot buffet breakfast for two persons in a room (additional persons in a room will be charged a nominal fee). This great rate, including the hot buffet breakfast, is good for 2 days prior and after the conference. Early registrations received “prior to December 31, 2017” will be \$70 per person. Registrations received after that date and up to the date of conference will increase \$5 per person to \$75.00 per person.

2018 Winter 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 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/>

Sick - Ill or in Distress: Brother Gerry Menendez had a heart attack while in Florida. Brother Talkington still fight cancer.

Drawing: Drawing at August 10, 2017 meeting was for \$20.00. Brother Moon name was drawn and he was not present, so the September drawing will be worth \$25.00.

September 14, 2017 Meeting Location

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If you have not gotten your VISA rewards credit card from the Justice Federal Credit Union please do so. If you are member of the Blue Knights you can join the Credit Union. Membership is only \$5.00. It is a Blue Knights Credit Card. Please check it out.

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