



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



August 2020 Newsletter

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August 21, 2020 is our 33rd Anniversary as a Blue Knights Chapter.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

As everyone should know the 2020 Spring Mason Dixon Conference that we were to host was canceled for 2020. The Mason Dixon Conference Board has given us the opportunity to host it again next year, May 28, 29 and 30, 2021. We are now in the planning stages on it. I have talked with the host hotel, Holiday Inn Express, Elkins, WV. They are giving us the same room rate and we will have a block of 70 rooms for the event. You will be able to make your room reservations starting at noon on July 1, 2020. Remember that that is a small number of rooms. So please make sure you get your room early.

Just to let everyone know that we have completed or payments on the donation to the Mother's Day Shrine Church to help with the stained window restoration. We did one of our largest donations and the was \$1,500.00 every quarter for the year. That was a total of \$6,000.00. Several members of the chapter met at the International Mother's Day Shrine church and presented the last check. The Mountain Statesman Newspaper was there and Nicki Skinner wrote up a story and took a few photographs and it was in the paper.

Don't forget that our 2020 Cash Bash that was to be held in the spring has been pushed back to Saturday, September 26, 2020. We will have the drawing do matter what the status of this Covid 19. We will do the drawing from someplace safe and posting the information on the Facebook group page and email.

Just want everyone the 2020 Fall Mason Dixon Conference to be hosted by Virginia II in Culpeper, VA, has been cancelled due to the Covid 19. If you had room reservations, they are going to roll them over to 2021. It seems that just about every event has be cancelled or postponed for this year. I also received information that the Southern Regional Conference to be held in Helena, Ga by GA XI, Sept 30 – October 3, 2020 has been cancelled also. Just about every event has been shut down.

The 2020 International business meetings will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, hosted by WI VI from Sunday, August 30 through September 2nd. See information below in upcoming events.

Remember that our Quartermaster has many items for sale so if you are looking for patches, hats, etc. Please contact him. His information is below. We also have a new chapter patch and the challenge coin price was dropped from \$10.00 to \$5.00.

Ride with Pride

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 10th, 2020 at 7 PM. The September meeting will be at the Clubhouse and on Zoom video.

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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Chapter Safety Officer **Support Your Wrist** **To Protect Your Thumb (and Clutch)**

By: James R. Davis

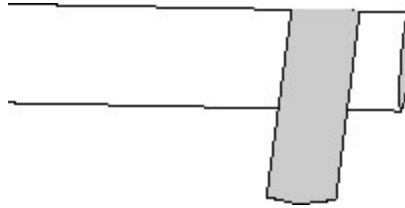
I have enjoyed riding motorcycles for nearly 40 years and have tried just about every gadget and accessory ever made at one time or another. Of all of them, electronic, chrome or plastic, one stands out as the best 'add-on' I have ever used: These have various names including 'Cramp Buster' (perhaps the first), 'Wrist Rest', and 'Throttle Rocker'.

As I'm sure those of you who have read any of my other articles know, I prefer to cover my front brake virtually all the time I'm moving faster than I can walk. Whether you use two fingers or four to cover your brake lever, that places rather a lot of strain on your thumb muscles over time. Indeed, I have been so cramped after a few hours of riding, particularly when it's been cold, that I simply had to stop and relax for a while before I could get back on the bike because of thumb cramps.

Then, about ten years ago I found a Wrist Rest. Since I was driving a rather decked out Goldwing (several thousands of dollars' worth of chrome - for show), I elected to buy one made of chrome, but they come in plastic and even rubber as well. This is a simple device that merely clamps onto your right grip near the outside edge and extends towards the rear. It is a platform onto which you place your palm as you hold the grip.

It is positioned so that your hand is exactly where you usually place it while riding. Only the part of your palm that is connected to your little finger covers the Wrist Rest. (For small hands you slide it to the left, for wider hands you slide it to the right.)

Thus, in order to roll-on your throttle all you have to do is press down with your palm. To roll-off the throttle you rely on the throttle spring return and just ease the pressure off the device. For fast roll-off you can always twist the grip normally.



What this really does for you is allow you to completely relax your thumb. You no longer have to grip the handlebar with your thumb muscles in order to control that throttle.

Even with loose fitting long sleeves I have never gotten myself fouled on the device, though I imagine it is possible to do. Still, the only time I can imagine that happening is if I was reaching up to adjust my right mirror, which I prefer to do while the bike is stopped anyway.

I have heard someone suggest that this device is dangerous because it causes you to speed up when making right turns. Nonsense! You do not roll your wrist to turn right - you press on the grip. That does not rotate the Wrist Rest.

Even in bitter cold I have never had thumb cramps after installing my device. And, just as important to me, I have BETTER control of my throttle with the device than without it. Small vernier like adjustments to speed are trivial when using this device. In other words, besides protecting my thumb from cramping, using this device tends to make my clutch last longer for I do not need to rely as much on friction-zone clutch action at slower speeds.

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**Ride with Pride,
Walter Knight**

**Road Captains
Moving Camouflage
makes you invisible - they really may not see you**

By: James R. Davis

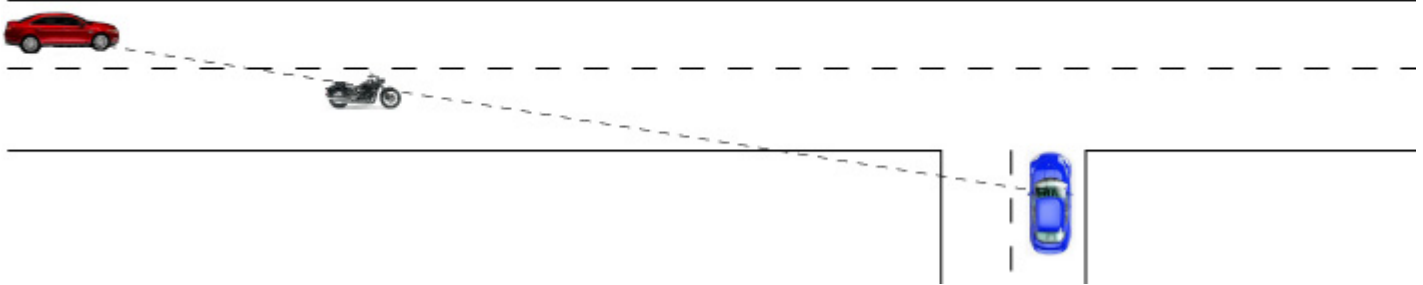
An article in the March, 2005 issue of the British magazine *Bike* describes a study indicating one reason why it just might be true that when someone claims not to have seen a motorcycle before a collision, they may well be telling the truth. The study identified a phenomenon known as Moving Camouflage and an ancillary concept

called the Looming Effect.

Moving Camouflage

When an object approaches you along the same line of sight as a background point of interest, there is very little in the way of visible change of that approaching object and as a result you may not notice it. Let's look at a concrete example of this phenomenon.

If the motorcycle has remained in the same sight line between the red car behind him and the observing driver in the blue car, there is a very real chance that the blue car will make a right turn thinking it is safe to do so.



Though the background point of interest is usually stationary, such as a building, you can see that even another moving vehicle can be enough.

Looming Effect

An approaching object always appears to get larger the closer it gets. But the difference in size (the amount of size change) is very small when an object moves from 1000 ft to 900 ft as compared to when it moves from 200 ft to 100 ft. In the latter case the change is dramatic - it can be said to be coming into view as a looming threat. When that happens, the moving camouflage phenomenon ceases to exist. In the diagram above the motorcycle would be at approximately the place where the looming effect would overwhelm the moving camouflage phenomenon and suddenly appear to the driver of the blue car.

The best way to overcome the moving camouflage phenomenon is to vary your lane position as you approach a threatening vehicle to become visible because of a change in your behavior.

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

Chaplain's Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

13AUG20

Receipt# 432249 Rene \$35 cash for shirt (reference FEB Quartermaster Report)

13AUG20

Receipt# 432248 Nancy \$35 cash for BK jacket (reference FEB Quartermaster Report)

03AUG20

Mailed out 7 additional coins to George D. Robinson on 03AUG20. Payment outstanding. Reference February 2020 Quartermaster Report these amounts are still outstanding. The Covid 19 pandemic caused issues regarding these payments due to meetings being postponed and the clubhouse being closed, etc. If you have paid and it has not been recorded, please let me know.

- Russ Swiger – BK Polo \$35.00
- Anna – BK Jacket \$35.00
- Rexann – BK Jacket \$35.00

13AUG20 Inventory:

Coins 64, Hats: Solid 14, Mesh 12, Chapter Pins 80, Paracord bracelet 13, BK WVII Chapter Patch 104, New style BK patch 89, 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 \$735.00

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Joke for the Day

The temporary Sunday School teacher was struggling to open a combination lock on the supply cabinet. She had been told the combination, but couldn't quite remember it. She went to the pastor's study and asked for help.

The pastor came into the room and began to turn the dial. After the first two numbers he paused and stared blankly for a moment. Finally he looked serenely heavenward and his lips moved silently. Then he looked back at the lock, and quickly turned to the final number, and opened the lock.

The teacher was amazed. "I'm in awe at your faith, pastor," she said.

"It's really nothing," he answered. "The number is on a piece of tape on the ceiling."

MDC Safety Officer

Ride Often, Ride Safe, Ride with Pride

Bud

MDC Safety Officer

Committee Reports/From Membership

NONE

UP COMING EVENTS

August

The 2020 International Business Meetings will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, hosted by WI VI from Sunday, August 30 through September 2nd. The host hotel for the meeting is the Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 509 W. Wisconsin Ave. (414) 271-7250. Room rates are \$109.00 / night + taxes and fees (roughly 15%) includes parking in the adjacent structure, room rates are good one day prior thru Sept. 6th. Each room night at the Hilton includes one \$10.00 credit at the Hilton Cafe – on-premises and can be used as the attendee desires. The GLRC will also be holding their business meeting during this event.

Make your reservations, and sign up for the convention at: www.brewcityknights.com

September

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.

Annual Knights of the Round Table: Oct 14 - 17, 2020 to be held in New Orleans, LA. (Red, Green & Blue Knights) Hosted by: Red Blue Green Knights of the Round Table, Susan “Tipzy” Freese and Alexander Ramirez. Hotel information: Best Western Plus Westbank Hotel 1700 Lapalco Blvd. Harvey, LA 70058. Main 504-366-5369/Toll Free 1-866-871-5369/fax 504-262-0949. Book online via this link -

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotelrooms.19045.html?groupId=7U2SM2U7.

Block of 50 rooms – **NOLA KRT** is the group name.

Select from Double Queen or King Suite \$94.00 / night. Please note maximum number of adults allowed in a room is 4. Check in time is 3:00pm and Check out 11:00am.

Block of reservation will be held until 25 Sept 2020.

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: From Brother Neely. Update on Gloria's condition. She started Chemo Aug. 5. She is home resting until the next treatment that is on the 19th.

Drawing: No drawing because we had a virtual meeting. September meeting drawing will be \$5.00.

Members in attendance: Fred LePera, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Lou Stevens, Del Parris, Don Wikert, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Mike Neely, Ron Watson, Doug Baker, Randy Biggins, T.R. Queen, Marty McNulty, and Robert Davis.

Online: Andy Kolb, Robby Robinson, Walter Knight and Dominic Squillace.

Next Meeting Location

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 10th, 2020 at 7 PM. The September meeting will be at the Clubhouse and on Zoom video.

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