



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



December 2018 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Rexann and I want to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We believe our 2018 Chapter Christmas Party was a big success. We had about 130 people at the event and all the children looked as if they enjoyed their gifts. By the way Brother Rene Noe won the Christmas drawing this year. Sorry Del.

The chapter will be putting on an elimination drawing for March 9th, 2019 at the Village Square Conference Center in Clarksburg. It is to raise funds for The Blue Knights COPS Run. We will start selling tickets in January, we should be able to sell all 200 tickets by March. Let me know how many tickets you can sell.

Remember we need your 2019 dues in as soon as possible.

Ride with Pride,

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Have you sent in your 2019 membership dues? If not, you have until December 30th, 2018 and remember that international has increased the membership dues to \$30.00 a year now. Send them to Blue Knights West Virginia II, P.O. Box 174, Anmoore, WV 26323-0174 or you can pay them by credit card.

I would like to see every member try and recruit at least one member in 2019. I believe that this is very possible and a goal that each of us should strive for in the new year.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 10th, 2019 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.

Remember that for every monthly meeting you attend your name is put into the hat at the Christmas Party and if your name is drawn you will win \$100.00. So, if you attended 5 meeting your will have 5 chances to win.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

I would like to wish all Blue Knights WVII members, their family, friends, and relatives a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Next meeting 1-10-19 at the Blue Knights WVII clubhouse 245 Emily Dr. Clarksburg, WV.

My 2009 Harley Peace Officer Special Edition with 36,719 miles up for sale \$12,500 00. Thank you, Brothers and Sisters. Be safe in all you do.

If any members of BKWV II has any pictures, patches or items, they would love to keep to donate please bring them or copies to the meeting for the memorabilia book/books. The memorabilia books will remain in the club house, covered from dust. Would like to have a sign in table or podium. Over all a sign in table and a memorabilia table.

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Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 10th, 2019 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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It is that time again of the year for you to send in your 2019 membership dues. Your 2019 dues will be \$30.00 so please send them in as early as possible so we do not have to keep asking in late December. We would like to have all the dues in no later than December 30, 2018, but the sooner the better. Also, President Martin will be sending out an invoice to all of you by email. Please complete the information on the invoice and return it with your dues. Thanks, you all.

Marty McNulty

ROLL CALL

Members at Christmas Party: Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Don Wikert, Ron Watson, Fred LePera, Mike Neely, Robert Davis II, Randy Biggins, Doug Baker, Lewis Stevens, Ethel Tyler, Steve Hamling, Marty McNulty, Rene Noe, Andy Kolb, Justin Talkington, Steve Richards, Bill Rowe, Wesley Talbott, Gregg Hoskins, Bill Kacinec, John "Spot" McCloud and Del Parris.

We also had 6 members from PA 1 Chapter and our International Treasurer John Bull and his wife Darlene was in attendance.

Chapter Safety Officer

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

Road Captains

The Road Captains want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will see you in 2019.

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

Chaplain's Corner

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

MDC Safety Officer

Tips for Winter Motorcycle Riding

1. Wear Correct Motorcycle Gear in a Layering Fashion

Riding comfortably in cold weather begins with correct gear choice, and it's all about layering. Base Layers (full leg, full sleeve), such as those offered by Under Armour and many motorcycle apparel companies, are a must. Even while riding we sweat, and the base layers allow our skin to breathe, wicking away moisture. This helps sweat evaporate rather than turning to cold perspiration on the body. I also don socks that wick away moisture.

For most conditions in the 20s or 30s, I simply wear a zip-up fleece with a neck collar over my base layers, which helps create an insulating barrier. If things get cooler, I always have another mid-layer, such as a snug wool button up, or even your rain suit but it's rarely used.

Next is your outer gear; I swear by Gore-Tex due to the waterproofing and breathability, and my usual winter riding clothes consist of flannel lined jeans and rain suit pants but some prefer expensive Klim riding suits, or a Weise Explorer setup. As for boots, I like Gore-Tex water proof boots. Most of my winter riding is completed on my BMW GS Adventure, but these work on my Harleys as well.

There are two gloves I like for winter riding; A good quality leather glove when its dry and a good Gore-Tex glove (from the Ski Shop) for when it's wet.

Next is a neck warmer, such as an Aerostich Windstopper, and a tightly-sealed helmet with a fog-free faceshield. Fog free is absolutely necessary. My favorite winter lid is the Shoei full faced modular helmet, though I use a bit of insulation to plug the huge, upper-front vent, but keep the rear ventilation vent open so the head doesn't sweat.

As for heated gear, I've tried it, but am not a fan. Some people love it. For me, simple layering keeps the core hot, and as long as that core is protected from direct wind, things remain comfortable. Though the technology much of today's electric-heated gear is top notch, there's possibility of failure. I stick with layered gear.

2. Proper Motorcycle Prep for Winter Riding

When my BMW and I are set up for winter riding, it's not pretty but I'm out riding while most are suffocating in their cars.

The basics that I like for cold-weather riding are windscreen that's large enough, and good cold weather clothing. I am a fan of hand guards and heated grips and lowers on my Harleys. My Road Glide has hard lowers and my Road King has soft lowers. Both work. My BMW has heated grips and Harley sells them but I do not have Heated HD grips. There are many aftermarket available ([Hot Grips](#), [Bike Master](#)), for all brands at the shops.

Also, if your bike is water-cooled, make sure the antifreeze is fresh (should be changed yearly anyway), and its mixed properly. Also make sure all hoses are in great shape. Nothing can be more devastating than a busted radiator or hose when miles away from home.

3. Cold Weather Equals Colder Tires

It's that simple – cold weather means colder tires. And as everyone should now, cold tires equate to limited traction. Riding helps increase heat in the tire, but even the briefest stop can quickly cool the tires down, providing lack of traction.

Also, make sure you have adequate tread on your tires for winter riding. Penny pinching on tires is about as stupid as penny pinching on the quality of a motorcycle helmet, and this is truer-than-ever in winter-motorcycling scenarios. It may snow, and you'll need to channel water/snow more than ever on wet roads that are cold.

And check your tire pressure; I check mine religiously before every ride. This is more than crucial during the winter months when optimal traction is needed.

4. Watch for Salt, Fresh Cracks due to Plows and Black Ice

Salt is not only an enemy to metal, but also traction. Treat salt like ice; if you see crystalized appearances on the side of the road, stay away.

Also remember that those plow trucks destroy roads, causing new cracks, sometimes huge and able to chew up rims. Once again remember to run correct tire pressure; you don't want to bend a rim or pinch a tube.

And black ice. If it even remotely looks like ice, stay away.

While on the subject of salt, remember that motorcycles weren't designed for winter riding. Like salt from the ocean, motorcycles can quickly succumb to rust. Whenever the sun is out and the roads are clear, I give my bike a thorough wash to free it off as much salt as possible. This is a great time to further inspect your bike.

5. Increase Visibility and Following Distance

While riding in the winter, increase your visibility and space. Increasing visibility simply means looking further down the road, helping you recognize hazards before they occur. Increased visibility allows you to react to a potential threat well in advanced, and this is more than needed in winter when traction is limited from the cold roads. My rule of thumb is always looking 10 seconds ahead. As for following distance, open it up. I maintain a few car lengths of space ahead of me, allowing me to react to hazards, such as cars ahead stopping, or being able to see something on the road.

Following too close is completely unsafe, and I've witnessed even the most experienced riders doing this. Just think for a moment; in optimally-dry conditions, it takes an experience rider about 85 feet to stop a bike traveling at 35 mph. An average car is around 16 feet, so it would take about five car lengths to stop. Do the math...and of course, the faster you're riding, the more distance you should maintain.

6. Have a Motorcycle-Specific Towing Service

Accidents happen, and can happen in cold-weather riding due to, once again, lack of traction. Make sure you have a towing service that is readily available; nothing can get a rider out of the sport faster than wasting a few hundred miles on a tow.

As a faithful member of the American Motorcyclist Association, H.O.G. and M.O.A. I have the organizations Roadside Assistance. And the best part... It arrives as a comp with my yearly membership. The AMA's Roadside Service company's usually tow motorcycles, too, so there's a better chance your bike won't end up on its side atop some flatbed.

7. Don't be a Dummy; If Snow Starts Falling, Get Home

The title says it all. If it begins snowing, get home. The white stuff can accumulate quickly, providing the slickest conditions.

Keep an eye on the forecasts, and if there's even a threat of major snow, keep the bike home.

Riding in the winter can be challenging, but these tips will allow motorcyclists to garner more miles throughout colder months.

Although in my area of Eastern N.C., I typically ride about 25,000 miles (total) on my bikes every year – and winter riding makes this possible.

If any of our northern or mountain area members have and winter-riding tips you'd like to share, share them here. The more tips, the safer we'll all be motorcycling in the winter.

Robert "Bud" Overby MDC Safety Officer

Please contact me at 252-717-2857 or via email at safety@bkmdc.org if I can assist you or if you have any great ideas about safety. I look forward to hearing from you or your Chapter Safety Officer.

Committee Reports

None

Membership Articles

None

UP COMING EVENTS

2019 Winter MDC Conference, Virginia Beach, VA, February 15 - 17, 2019. Hosted by VA V, the host hotel is the Four Points by Sheraton, Oceanfront, 1211 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA. Room rate \$79.00 per night plus tax; 747-428-1183. Registration for the event is \$85.00 per person/\$160.00 per couple (before February 1, 2019, after that add \$10.00. Contact Spike Johnson @ 757-418-1935 or spike102@verizon.net. Please see flyer for more info.

2019 Spring MDC Conference, College Park, MD, May 24 - 26, 2019. Hosted by MD I, Holiday Inn, 1000 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD; 240-542-1226. Room rate \$109.00 plus tax per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights group). Registration for event is \$80.00 per person; after March 1, 2019 price is \$90.00 per person. Contact Fred Allen 703-494-4792 or sundrake@verizon.net. Please see flyer for more info.

2019 International Convention August 4 - 9, 2019; Hosted by Bronx NY II, The Hilton Westchester Hotel, 699 Westchester Ave, Rye Brook, New York, 10575. 914-939-6300 or 914-939-4760.

Convention Registration Information; Full Week Registration Prior to 3/31/19 \$150/Person (\$75 child). Full Week Registration After 4/1/19 \$180/Person (\$90 child). Convention Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/bkny2convention/home>

Sick - Ill or in Distress: None

Drawing: The Christmas Drawing was worth \$100.00 and Brother Rene Noe's name was drawn. The January drawing will be worth \$5.00.

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