



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



February 2017 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I would like to thank Vice President Hoskins for taking care of the February meeting. Sorry we missed it but we were at the 2017 Winter Mason Dixon Conference in North Carolina.

It is with a heavy heart that I must pass along this sad news. Brother James Boreing died Friday morning, February 10th, 2017 at his home. He had not felt well the last few days but didn't want to go to the doctor. His body was cremated. He was a Charter Member of West Virginia II. Please keep Margie, his wife, and family in your prayers.

I was notified by phone of Jim's passing while I was on the road returning home from the Mason Dixon Winter Conference that was held in Atlantic Beach, NC.

A few of our members attended the Memorial Service for Brother Boreing and it was a very nice service. The minister spoke of Jim & their friendship and about Jim's volunteer work. The VFW luncheon afterward was delicious. God bless those who prepared it. Please keep Margie in your prayers. R.I.P. Jim.

We would like to take this time and wish Brother Bill Sothen a very happy RETIREMENT from the Harrison County Sheriff's Dept.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 9, 2017 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.

If you did **not** advise us that you were not renewing your dues by December 31, 2017 you are responsible for your 2017 dues, so please send them in now. I still have 7 members that have not sent in their 2017 dues. Please get them in to me soon.

Blue Knights West Virginia II, P.O. Box 174, Anmoore, WV 26323-0174.

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.

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

Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer

ROLL CALL

February Meeting: Randy Biggins, Doug Baker, Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Ron Watson, Eugene Botting, Greg Hoskins, Ethel Tyler, Russ Swiger, John McCloud, and Lewis Stevens

Guest: Becca Green

Chapter Safety Officer

Riding season will soon be upon most of you, and with such, there are a few things to be mindful of when breaking out the two wheeled therapist. For some the bike may have been truly stored & winterized, which will make the beginning cycle a bit easier. Others simply park the bike & maybe look at it every so often. Then there are those of us that never really put them away. Regardless of which category you may fall into, take some time on one the yet to come colder days & spend a little time giving it the once over. Find yourself a chair or a 5 gallon bucket, get up close & personal.

Treat your steed to a thorough once-over. This includes a nut-and-bolt safety check, fluid changes for powertrain and brakes, a battery load test, and inspections of the chain/belt and sprockets, tires, spokes, brake pads, electrical systems, and fuel systems. None of this requires you to be an ASE certified Master Tech. Check out YouTube, Google, or folks with the same style of bike as yours for helpful pointers & step by step.

Take time to check your personal gear also. It's better to find out now that the holidays were a little too good to you than fighting with the zipper on your favorite riding jacket when you want to roll out on that early spring ride. Plastics degrade with time and use, so it's recommended to replace your helmet after five years. I would like to think you would then drape yourself in armored apparel and motorcycle-specific gloves and footwear. This doesn't mean becoming Captain Dork, but quality gear can enhance the enjoyment of the ride.

Above all else, when you do finally get out for a ride, remember that it's been a while since you've been on the bike. For some it may have been weeks-others months. There's going to be some rust & dust to knock off of the riding skills. Take your time & find your rhythm again. Take part in a skills workshop or find a parking lot to spend a little time practicing. Don't forget how the weather wreaks havoc on our riding surfaces. Cinders, salt, & potholes will abound as usual.

Whether disposing of miles in a group or burning the road solo, remember it's not always about the destination, enjoy the views, smells, & cob web clearing that our two wheeled passion affords us!

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

Road Captains

Unseasonal Weather

For all of you that are out riding in this unseasonal weather have fun and be careful with debris on the road way. Remember that we have had some snow and that the Department of Highways had to treat the highway with gravel or cinders and they can still be on the roadway or along the edges of the travel lanes. Also the people in the vehicles will not be looking for motorcycles out driving around this time of the year so please keep your head moving and giving them room. Have fun and ride with pride.

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

Chaplain's Corner

NONE

Del Parris
Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII

Committee Reports

The bylaws committee is working on updating a few of the bylaws. The changes will be sent to the executive board for approval and hopefully by the next meeting the membership will be able to vote on them.

From Membership

NONE

State Rep's Report

FROM DJ ALVAREZ

Fellow Members,

It is my understanding that the Bangor Police Department are near completion of their investigation, and the Penobscot County DA's office is beginning its review. I have been in constant contact with the PD and the DA's office during this whole ordeal, and we are anticipating the start of criminal proceedings in the near future. I will let you know when I learn that charges are to be filed, and in the interim, I ask that you continue to be patient.

Thank you,

DJ Alvarez

Intl President

1(281) 642-8716

Brother and Sister Blue Knights of the Mason Dixon Conference,

At our meeting in North Carolina this past weekend, we did not receive any bids to host *next year's* Winter Conference meeting to be held in February (**Presidents' weekend being February 16th to 18th**). Per the new amendment to our bylaws that was passed earlier in this same meeting, I am now forwarding this information to chapters that may desire to host the conference. Per our guidelines, any chapter desiring to now submit a bid for the Winter Mason Dixon Conference 2018 must forward the following information to our MDC Secretary, Keith Chase, within the next 30 days. (**Keith's email address is ((Keith.a.chase@comcast.net)) and the date needed for this information to be received by him is March 13, 2017**). After receiving bids, those chapters that were represented at this just finished meeting in North Carolina will be supplied those bids submitted and will decide by vote where the conference will be held. Our board will then notify everyone of the decision resulting from the vote.

The information needing to be supplied is as follows:

1. A) The city and state where the conference meeting is to be held.
2. B) The dates of the conference meeting.
3. C) The name and address of the host hotel and room rates.
4. D) The cost of registration for the conference meeting.
5. E) Any other information the chapter feels is pertinent to their bid (e.g., rides, area attractions, amenities, etc.).

State Representatives, please forward this information out to your respective chapter(s) upon your receipt of this email as the 30 day clock is ticking to obtain info needed and submit to Keith Chase.

Thanks,

Mike Pollinger

Chairman- Mason Dixon Conference

President - Delaware I

Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.

302-545-5301

mdc@blueknights.org - Blue Knight email address

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UP COMING EVENTS

2017 Spring MDC Conference, Memphis, TN, May 26 - 29, 2017. Hosted by TN I. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Memphis Airport, 2240 Democrat Road, Memphis, TN 38132, Telephone 901-332-1130. Room rate \$89.00 plus tax per night. Registration for the event is \$90.00 per person. Make checks payable to Blue Knights Tennessee 1 LE-MC, P.O. Box 172002, Memphis TN 38187-2022. Contact person James Malone, jemalone@fedex.com or 901-553-6999.

8th Annual Memorial Ride Officer Down, Hosted by North Carolina VIII, April 8th, 2017. Starts at Hometown Harley Davidson, 2300 Elaine's Way, Winterville, NC. Breakfast 0800-1030, Kick stands up at 11 AM. www.blueknightsncviii.com

7th Annual Home Grown Heroes/Fallen Officer Memorial Ride, Hosted by North Carolina XIII, Saturday, May 6, 2017. Sign in 9 AM, Ride starts 10:30 AM. Cumberland County Courthouse, 117 Dick Street, Fayetteville, NC.

2017 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. June 9, 10, & 11, 2017. FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 50 Martin St, Elkins, WV, call 304-630-2266; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE BLUE KNIGHTS and the Code is BNG, Rooms \$104.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$50.00 per person before April 1st, 2017, and \$75.00 after April 1st.

2017 International Convention, July 16-21, 2017. Milwaukee, WI. Hosted by WI VI. Host Hotel: Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 509 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Telephone 414-271-7250. Registration for event is \$135.00 per person, if registered before June 6, 2017, after that it will be \$155.00. Convention Website: <http://www.brewcityknights.com>. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/brewcityknights2017>. More Info to come.

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.

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

Drawing

Drawing at February 9, 2017 meeting was for \$25.00. Member was not present so at the March 9, 2017 meeting the prize will be \$30.00.

March 9, 2017 Meeting Locations

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WILD AND WONDERFUL KNIGHTS

Blue Knights West Virginia II

WEST VIRGINIA 2 MEMBERS ONLY

\$50.00 PER PERSON PRE-REGISTRATION

June 9th, 10th, & 11th, 2017

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, ELKINS, WV

RIDER: _____ PASSENGER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CHAPTER: West Virginia 2

Please mail this form to:

BLUE KNIGHTS WV II
P.O. BOX 174
ANMOORE, WV 26323-0174

Payment:

Registration	\$50.00 Per Person	\$ _____
Shirts	\$15.00 Each Size _____	\$ _____
Train Ride	\$72.00 Each * See Below	\$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

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PLEASE READ AND SIGN:

PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC., WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER II, AND HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, AND TO RELEASE THE BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC., WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER II, AND HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, FROM LIABILITY. The participant, shall indemnify, hold harmless, and release from any and all liability, the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, its Agents, Officers, Directors, and Employees, and/or the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., its Conferences, Chapters, Officers, Directors, Members, Agents and Employees from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the participation in, **BLUE KNIGHTS WEST VIRGINIA II, EVENT ON JUNE 9th, 10th, & 11th, 2017**, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense (a) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom, and (b) is caused in whole or part by any negligent act or omission of the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, its Agents, Officers, Directors, or Employees and/or the Blue Knights International Motorcycle Club, Inc., its Conferences, Chapters, Officers, Directors, Members, Agents or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by party indemnified and/or released from liability.

SIGNATURES: _____ Co-Rider: _____ DATE: _____

If you want to pay for your register by credit or debit card please email: marty.e.mculty@gmail.com. We are using Square to make it more convenient for you. (Service fee added) **Refunds returned by written request only. *No cancellations or refunds after May 1st, 2017.***

To be guaranteed a room at the discount rate you must contact: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, CALL 1-304-630-2266; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE **BLUE KNIGHTS and the code is (BNG)**. There are a limited number of rooms. HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, 50 MARTIN STREET, ELKINS, WV 26241, IS LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN ELKINS NEAR THE TRAIN STATION. The room prices are \$104.00 plus taxes. Confirmation on your event registration will be sent if requested.

Train ride is on the New Tygart Flyer Parlor Car, it is limited to 26 people and we must have 20 people for this group rate. Reservations for Train Ride must be received before May 1, 2017. **You must make reservation for train with this registration.** Go to www.mtn-rail.com for more information.

All awards will be based upon information placed on the registration card given at time of registration. Presentations of awards will about 9 PM, Saturday night, June 10th, 2017.

There will be a mandatory safety class at 20:00 hours (8 PM), Friday evening, June 9th, 2017 for West Virginia II members.