



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



January 2014 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I would like to start off by thanking the members for placing your confidence and trust in me to elect me as your President for 2014/2015 and I am humbled and honored to continue serving each and every one of you. It is my belief and philosophy, which I know many of you share with me, that divisiveness has no place in our organization and as a fraternal organization we should strive for unity and share and promote our common bond, which is riding motorcycles. My goal is to work towards achieving this, but in order to be successful, we must work as a team to make this happen. As your President I promise to continue to working on innovative ways to improve, and modernize our chapter. I would also like to reiterate that I am always open to any viable suggestions from the membership to help achieve this as well. I want to thank Brother McCloud for working hard the last several years as our Vice-President. Thank you Spot for all you time and help.

I want to advise all the members that our Bingo games are not doing as well as we would like. On Thursdays afternoons we are down to an average of 30 people and on Sunday evenings we are down to an average of 55 people playing. I am asking to you please tell everyone you know about our bingo games and try to get some of them to attend our games. Please send out emails, text or just phone calls will help. Here is the information.

Blue Knights Bingo

The More that Play - The More We Pay!

Our Sunday Bingo Program features:

- 22 Regular Games that Pay Out \$35 to \$200 Cash
- 1 Coverall Game that Pays Out \$250 to \$1,500 cash

(Payouts are Based upon Attendance)

The Starburst Build-up Game

The Mystery Number Build-up Game

Game Times:

Admission Windows Open - 5:00 pm

Early Bird's 50/50 Games - 6:00 pm

Main Bingo Session - 7:00 pm

Thursday Daytime Bingo Program features:

- 22 Regular Games that Pay Out \$35 to \$200 Cash
- 1 Coverall Game that Pays Out \$250 to \$1,500 cash

(Payouts are Based upon Attendance)

The Starburst Build-up Game

The Mystery Number Build-up Game

Admission is \$10.00

Game Times:

Admission Windows Open - 10:00 am

Early Bird's 50/50 Games - 11:00 am

Main Bingo Session - 12:00 noon

The games are played at Village Square Conference Center, 1489 Milford Street, Clarksburg, WV.

Please do everything you can to get people out to play. People would come in from all over North Central West Virginia but after the Elks Raid of January 2010 people have stopped coming. Let's get the word out there that we are still having the games and that we

use the money from the games to help people in our communities.

Also make sure you read the other articles so you will know about the change for the February meeting.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

304-622-0135

VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Saturday afternoon, February 22th, 2014, at 14:00 hours, at C.J. Maggie's, 309 Davis Ave, Elkins, WV.

If you have not got your dues in for 2014 please get them in ASAP. Dues are \$25.00. If you are no longer going to be a member please notify me so adjustments can be made to the membership roster. I hope everyone continues their membership and is getting excited for good weather so that we can get on the bikes again. If you know anyone that meets the membership requirement please talk to them and see if they are interested. Let's work together and keep our membership up. Thanks for your help.

Please ask another officer to come to a meeting or go for a ride with you and tell them about the Blue Knights. We have recruitment posters for you to put up at police departments so just ask for some.

I know some of you have already paid in advance so if you have that is great or if you are not sure contact Ed he will have that listed in the membership list. We have received dues from 21 of our 61 members. So if you have not sent yours in yet please do so soon.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

Richard & Bridget Swisher

SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Saturday afternoon, February 22th, 2014, at 14:00 hours, at C.J. Maggie's, 309 Davis Ave, Elkins, WV. I wish to thank everyone for their support and trust, in this new position with the Blue Knights WVII. I am treading water, looking and learning as I go. As always, if you haven't gotten your dues in, please do so as soon as possible, because our Chapter need to pay our dues to the International and the Mason Dixon Conference and they give us deadlines for paying. I will be updating the membership roster for 2014, home and cell numbers changing, email addresses, update street addresses possibly changed by 911 mapping.

As for the regular meeting drawing: Brother Russ Swiger's name was drawn, and he won the \$25.00 prize, because he was present. The next drawing in February will be worth \$30.00.

If you are attending Wild Wonderful Knights in 2014 please call Canaan Resort so you will have your room.

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

Marty McNulty

MDC INFO:

INFO RECEIVED FROM MDC:

Due to the urgency of this issue, I am sending this email from work as time is of the essence to work on a fix for this issue.

I just finished speaking with Bryan Bates, President of TN III who called to inform me that the venue they had reserved to host our MDC Spring Meeting, the Valley View Lodge in Townsend, Tennessee, just recently went out of business. As many of you are aware, TN III has held Pigs in the Smokies and our conference meetings at this location for many years and has always had a very good relationship with them. Bryan advised that this issue came to their attention within the last two weeks and, since that time, their members have been searching any and all other area locations in hopes of locating an alternate site for our meeting. Due to other previously scheduled events in the greater Knoxville area, they have been unable to acquire an alternate location. Their board had a meeting last night and, based on the aforementioned facts, decided that they have no alternative than to pull out of hosting the Mason Dixon Conference Spring meeting.

Bryan advised that those who have already sent in their registrations will have refunds sent to them in the near future. He said that he and his chapter are very sorry that this has occurred, to which I informed him that this is just one of those things that they do not have control over and things will work out. I speak for everyone when I say that we all appreciate the efforts of Tennessee III's chapter as a whole for all of the work they have done in preparing for this conference meeting, as well as those in the past.

I am asking that each of you forward this email to your respective chapters who then will forward to their members so that all are informed. We need everyone to know of this change to avoid any confusion or unnecessary communications. If anyone has a further question regarding their registration or whatever, Bryan asked that they contact him via his cell phone 865-680-2691 or his home email bluehawk158@gmail.com .

We are now in need of another venue to host our Spring Conference over Memorial Day weekend (May 23rd to 25th). While we have just short of 5 months till then, I am both hopeful and confident that we will be able to find one. To that end, I would ask that any chapter (s) interested in hosting this Spring's Conference contact me via **my home email** (mpbkdel@comcast.net) . While I have not yet spoken with the other members of our MDC Executive Board, I will speak for them that we will do whatever we can to support any chapter in this endeavor as we have always done. If a chapter is interested and has never hosted a meeting, they should contact one of our Board members for assistance, all of which have hosted meetings in the past: (J.J. Lightner; JL500@bellsouth.net ; Keith Chase: keith.a.chase@comcast.net : Lonnie Loyall: lonnie333@verizon.net : John Bull : jbullbkmd3@gmail.com)

Again, thanks for Tennessee III for all of their efforts and for all of you in getting this information out as quickly as possible to all of the chapters and their members.

Mike Pollinger
Chairman - Mason Dixon Conference
302-545-5301 cell
302-838-7278 home

Marty McNulty
Secretary

ROLL CALL

Members at January 9th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at C.J. Maggie's, 309 Davis Ave, Elkins, WV.

DW & Cathy Conners, Marshall & Linda Parker, Del Parris, John "Spot" McCloud, Ethel Tyler, Marty McNulty & Tammy Linger, Rex Talkington, Rexann Martin, Richard & Bridget Swisher, and Ed Martin.

Chapter Safety Officer

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

MDC Safety Officer Article

This article is like all others that I've written, only suggestions to assist you. This subject will be about gas in your bike during the winter months. You should never leave your gas in your tank more than six months even with stabilizer. I would suggest five months. At the end of this time drain it out and put it into your four wheel vehicle. Pour new gas in with stabilizer in it. The next part is very important for your safety. Start your bike up and run it until the new gas is completely through everything. Don't run your bike inside your garage or basement. Even with the door open the fumes will rise upward into the attic or rafters of the building. Roll your bike outside and start it. If your bike has injectors you can let it run for about three minutes and you should be fine. If it has carburetors you have to run it for at least fifteen minutes to complete flushing bad gas out. If you have an air cooled motor you have to ride it to do this part because your motor will get hot sitting still for that long and could do damage to your engine.

D.W. Conners
Blue Knights WV 2
MDC Safety Officer
Blueknightsva5@msn.com

Road Captains

Getting Pulled Over | Talk It Out | Street Savvy

By Marc Cook,

You didn't see The Law heading the other direction at light speed until it was too late. But The Law has seen you. A tap of the brakes, a quick trip across the median and he's on the way to have a nice little roadside chat with you. Wonderful.

You know you're going to have a conversation, and you probably already know exactly why you're going to have it. So the burning question is: Can you do anything to get out of a ticket? Are there any surefire ways to get let off with a warning instead of a piece of paper?

No. At least nothing that will absolutely, positively work every time. But there are tactics you should use in every encounter with police or the highway patrol to aid your chances.

Be calm. Acknowledge the fact that you're being pulled over with a wave if you're being followed and by nodding should the officer come up beside you. Smooth, easy movements; just let him know that you know your next destination is the side of the road. On that note, pick a safe spot where the bike won't get mired in sand and where he has sufficient room to park the cruiser. If you've been tagged by a motor officer, provide him room and a reasonable surface to stop his bike.

The next minute is critical. Stop the bike, turn off the ignition, set the bike on the sidestand and slowly get off the bike. Stand on the side of the bike away from the road and open your helmet visor. Keep your hands in view. What you're doing is assuring the officer that you're not going to run, or produce a weapon from your jacket or luggage and cause him physical harm. Your sole goal at this point is to put the officer at ease.

Cook utilizes respectful behavior, proper gear and a fair share of gray hair to talk an of

Don't talk. The officer will begin the conversation, usually asking for license and registration, though sometimes you may be asked to remove your helmet before you get to that stage. Again, do it slowly. Before going for the license, tell him where it is before you reach for it. "Yes, sir. It's in my wallet, back pocket." After handing over your license, let him know where the registration and insurance paperwork is. Produce it with a minimum of fuss; a big portion of getting through the next few minutes with the benefit of the doubt is to have all your paperwork in order. If you're riding on an expired license or registration, don't have a motorcycle endorsement, or can't find your insurance paperwork (for states with compulsory insurance), you're most of the way to getting some kind of ticket, if only because you seem to say, "I don't care about the law."

"Yes, sir" and "No, sir" like crazy. Confrontational behavior will only be met with more of the same. Do not admit to any speed. Sometimes, that "how fast do you think you were going?" question is a fishing expedition. Don't bite. Worst of all is flat-out lying. If you've been doing 80 mph, don't try to say you were going 60. Traffic officers pride themselves on being able to judge speed at a glance, and the best ones can guess within 2-3 mph of actual. You are not going to win that argument.

Show remorse. Unless the officer has retreated to his heated/air-conditioned car to write the ticket, stand there and apologize for your stupidity. If he says you were going 80, the best thing you can say is, "Geez, that seems kinda dumb, huh?" Answer his questions in a forthright way, succinctly. Then stop talking. A pause in the conversation as he stands there with your license in hand, looking over you and your motorcycle means he is probably thinking about letting you off. Don't change his mind by saying something dumb. No doughnut jokes, ever. This is human nature in action. If you seem reasonable and sincere, and don't act like the kind of fool who would serially run triple digits in a school zone, you stand a decent chance of getting a warning. Proper, complete gear, a bike that's not the latest 190-horsepower beast and a bit of gray hair are also helpful. And if you do get a ticket, hold your argument for court. No whining to the cop.

Read more: http://www.motorcyclistonline.com/howto/street_savvy/122_1211_getting_pulled_over_talk_it_out/#ixzz2JUlc4EI6

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

Chaplain's Corner

Sunday I preached on the opening verses of Genesis. It is a great description of creation. While we are not told exactly how God created the world, there are some very clear messages here. First, the writer reminds us that the earth is God's. As the Psalmist declares, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." Of course we humans do not often recognize this. We think we are in control and in turn treat everything like it is ours. I am not a tree-hugger or a fanatic about the environment, but I do feel that if we do not treat the earth and our resources with some respect and reserve, our children will pay the price. To realize that we are not self-made, but are God-made allows us to live with a sense of gratitude and humility.

Secondly, the description that the writer gives is one of darkness and chaos. It is out of this that God brings light and order, purpose and meaning. The spirit of God breathes life into an otherwise dead space. I often think of how God is able to create good out of bad, light out of dark and life out of chaos and disorder. He still does this with our lives. When our lives seem darkest and when we seem to

be caught up in life's chaos, God is able to breath into us new life if we will allow it. The Apostle Paul wrote: "If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation." So God continues his creation through us, constantly bringing us from chaos to order and from darkness to light.

Del Parris
Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII

State Rep's Report

Marshall & Linda Parker
West Virginia State Rep.

From Membership

I have no bike news. I do have news from Afghanistan though. It snowed in Kandahar – about an inch. It may not seem like much to us, but these people keep warm in a camel hair blanket – if they can afford one, and each other. People died here because of it. The problem with that is that they are very difficult to convince that there is a better way. Some people, you can't help.



Eugene D Botting

Have a new business in Fairmont, WV that will give 10% off to Blue Knights members with their membership card.

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UP COMING EVENTS

2014 Mason Dixon Conference Winter Meeting; Hosted by Blue Knights NC XIII, Post Office Box 473, Fayetteville, NC 28302-0473. www.fayettevillencblueknightsxiii.org/ **CuPigs Weekend** Come on down with the one you Love!
Host Site: **Holiday Inn Cedar Creek**, 1944 Cedar Creek Road, Fayetteville, NC 28312
877-859-5095 /910-323-1600 / Fax 910-323-5341. \$95.00 per night tax not included. **Registration Costs:** *Early Weekend Rate, (Until December 31, 2013)* (Must be postmarked by Dec 31, 2013. Adult: \$50; Child: \$30; (Children 7 – 14 / Under 7 Free) *Rate After January 1, 2014:* Adult: \$75; Child: \$35; (Children 7 – 14 / Under 7 Free)

2014 Spring Mason Dixon Conference Weekend, May 16-18, 2014. Hosted by MD II. At The Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 901 Dual Highway, Hagerstown, MD 21740 . (301) 733-5100 or 1-888-528-6738. Room rate is \$79.95 plus tax. Ask for Blue Knights 30th Anniversary Group rate. <http://www.clarionhagerstown.com/>. Blue Knights Maryland II, 20725 Oriole Court, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Registration is \$85.00 per person or \$160 per couple. More info to come.

2014 West Virginia II Summer Picnic, Ferguson Memorial Park, 10 North Street, Shinnston, WV, Saturday, August 9th, 2014. Starts at 6 PM until 9 PM.

2014 West Virginia II, Friday, December 12th, 2014. West Virginia II chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Meeting at 6 PM and Party right after the meeting.

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

Month Meeting Locations

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2014

WILD AND WONDERFUL KNIGHTS Blue Knights West Virginia II

PLEASE COPY

\$60.00 PER PERSON PRE-REGISTRATION

After May 1st, 2014 Registration is \$75.00 Per Person

June 13th, 14th and 15th, 2014

CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, DAVIS, WV

NAME: _____ AGE: _____
 CO-RIDER: _____ AGE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____
 CHAPTER: _____ MILES TO EVENT ON MOTORCYCLE: _____
 PRE ORDER T-SHIRTS \$15.00 EACH # _____ SIZE _____

Please mail this form to:
BLUE KNIGHTS WV II
P.O. BOX 174
ANMOORE, WV 26323-0174

CONTACT:
Ed Martin **304-622-0135**

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 CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, AND TO RELEASE THE BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC., WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER II, AND CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, FROM LIABILITY. The participant, shall indemnify, hold harmless, and release from any and all liability, the Canaan Valley Resort, 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 13th, 14th & 15th, 2014**, 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 Canaan Valley Resort, 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: _____ **DATE:** _____
 Co-Rider: _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ participants.

Refunds returned by written request only. No cancellations or refunds after May 1st, 2014.

To be guaranteed a room at the discount rate you must contact **Canaan Valley Resort** directly at **(1-304-866-4121)** **before May 1, 2014**. They have blocked off rooms, when you call mention Blue Knights Group ID: 14353, Password: 40. All new rooms and the price are \$80.00 plus taxes & fees for standard room and \$90.00 plus taxes & fees for junior suites. Cabins and Campsites also available.

Confirmation on registration will be sent if requested.

All awards will be based upon information placed on the registration card given at time of registration. Presentations of awards will about 10 PM, Saturday night, June 14th, 2014.

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