



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



January 2015 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

We hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and New Year. Now that the New Year is here we pray that everyone is well and looking forward to plan on some of the rides you want to do this year.

In the January meeting the membership voted to keep our current Honorary Members.

We have had some members wanting to change our meetings to a Saturday or Sunday. Meet someplace in the morning and then do a chapter ride. Please think about this and let us know what you think by or at the next meeting. Could be a good change for our chapter. Will we not be having a February meeting due to all officers being out of State for the 2015 Winter MDC Meeting.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, March 12th, 2015, at 19:00 hours, at the Hickory House Restaurant, 1137 U.S. Highway 19 N, Jane Lew, WV, 26378. Have you forgotten to pay your dues for 2015? If so please get them in ASAP. Dues are \$25.00, plus a \$5.00 late fee for a total of \$30.00.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

Richard & Bridget Swisher

SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, March 12th, 2015, at 19:00 hours, at the Hickory House Restaurant, 1137 U.S. Highway 19 N, Jane Lew, WV, 26378. There will be no MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

Secretary Report

In the December published newsletter an accusation was made involving a non-member. A special meeting, of members only, was held and the accusing member requested that the special meeting have no record and that all members were not to speak of it. It's a very dark day that we conduct ourselves in secrecy.

Treasurers Report

It has come to my attention that members may have some confusion regarding our bank accounts and the dispersal of lottery, bingo and raffle monies. I would refer you to the Treasurers report during the meetings and to the minutes of the previous month's minutes in which are handed out in printed form.

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

Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer

ROLL CALL

Members at January 8th, 2015, at 19:00 hours, Ryan's Restaurant, Clarksburg, WV.

Gene Botting, Rexann Martin, Ed Martin, Fred LePera, Randy Biggins, Lewis Stevens, Doug Baker, Rex Talkington, Richard Swisher, Marshall Parker, Ethel Tyler, Dan Loughrie, and Del Parris. Guests: Carol Hovatter (Cherry Pie), Donna Loughrie and Morgan Swisher.

Chapter Safety Officer

Gasoline Can Be Trouble

Depending on when you buy it

By: James R. Davis

It is time to fill the scooter up. There are gas stations everywhere and you happen to prefer a particular brand. You have always had good and consistent performance from their gasoline and always use the same grade. Fortunately, there is a station just ahead sporting their logo.

- *Is that all you have to know?*

Usually. However, if you fill your tank at this particular station, now, you are asking for trouble in the form of bad performance and even repair bills soon!

But you have purchased gasoline from this particular station many times in the past, and will no doubt continue to do so.

- *Does that change anything?*

No. If you purchase gasoline from this station now you are asking for trouble.

You see, there is not a lot of room in the station just now as there is a tanker truck taking up a lot of space - or you just saw one leaving.

- *Space is a problem?*

No. But underground there are a set of huge tanks containing gasoline. And Water. And silt. And other 'stuff'.

The name brand station across the street has the same kind of underground tanks, and it would be FAR BETTER to buy your gasoline there just now.

- *Because they have the same kind of tanks?*

No.

- *Because they don't have water and silt and other 'stuff' in those tanks?*

No. Because a tanker truck is not sitting on the lot, or having just left.

- *Huh????*

Most of the time the extraneous water and silt and 'stuff' in those tanks is safely settled to the bottom of those underground tanks. When you pump gasoline from them you are not getting virtually any of it into the tank on your motorcycle (or car.) And, despite the fact that your motorcycle has fuel filters and screens built into them, this is good because you would rather not have your engine stall because of a clogged fuel line, or get poor performance because of trying to burn water.

But when those tankers add their loads to those underground tanks they do a marvelous job of stirring and mixing up those tanks. It could take an hour or so for the adulterants to settle back to the bottom.

If you see a tanker in the lot, or one is just pulling out, go to another station for your gasoline.

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

MDC Safety Officer

MDC SAFETY ARTICLE JAN. 2015

BLUE KNIGHTS/OFFICERS SAFETY

This article is like all others in the past. I'm only making suggestions that might keep you from getting hurt or worse. You must remember Murphy's Law, if it can go wrong it will. My favorite is when you least expect it watch out and expect it. Now days with bounty on retired and active police officers this couldn't be any truer.

What is going on in the U.S. now days is a problem for all police officers, retired police officers, and arm forces. We have bad men and women that want to hurt/kill us and our family. The following are suggestions that might protect you.

Keep your information and pictures off SPACE BOOK. Folks, it's not Face Book, it is SPACE BOOK. You are putting info out there for all the Bad Folks to find you and do what they want to do, kill/hurt you and your family. I got some info last year where an undercover police officer down south was posting stuff about his undercover buys on Space Book. He has a death wish. If you are out at events be careful who is taking your picture and what they're planning on doing with it. I have gone up to some folks and ask them to delete my picture off their camera. You can only ask if you're out in public but most respect your wishes.

The next is if you feel comfortable carrying a weapon, which you should, then do so. Make sure that you do several things before you do. Make sure you practice often with the weapon you carry. If you're not good with it then it's not any good to you. When I was working and was at our firing range, the range officer wanted to show me something and asked me if I could help him. A police officer had retired and turned in his service revolver. The bullets were stuck in the cylinder. We had to take a rod and drive the bullets out of the gun. The bullets might have fired but I would say he would have problems trying to reload. I worked with this officer on the street sometimes. The next thing is carry two weapons of choice, if you feel comfortable doing so. If one breaks you have a back-up plan. Plus I have always said it's quicker to pull another one than try to reload.

Make sure you have the permits to carry where ever you go. Have your carrying permits with you at all time, just like your weapon if you don't have it then it's not going to help. Also, make sure you know the laws of the states you are going into. Some states have a limit on the amount of bullets in you clip, Maryland. I found out, thanks goodness it wasn't the hard way. The other is the type of bullets you have in your clips. Pennsylvania is bad on hollow points and I'm sure other states have laws like this.

Make sure you can get to your weapon. If it's in the trunk it can't help you or your family. If it's on part of your body that is hard to reach it won't help you. An example for this is when you're riding your bike and have your weapon in an ankle holster. Have easy access all the time, walking, driving and riding.

Here is something that I would say most of you haven't thought about. Your other half should be carrying also if possible. If a Bad person gets the drop on you your better half could save you and their life. The old wise tale two heads are better than one. Two separate guns are better than one. This can be your girl-friend, boy-friend, husband, or wife. Just make sure they do all the things that I've listed above for you. A plus on this is you also have somebody to practice with and learn from each other what you might have to do in some situations.

Please don't take offense when I refer to police because in my mind it stands for all law enforcement members no matter who you work for or what you do.

The last part is very important about us and please let me know if I'm wrong. We as law enforcement retired or active and military carry ourselves a certain way when out. You are always studying people you are around. When you are at a bar or restaurant you do the following. If possible you sit with your back to the wall and where you can see the door you came in. When walking, driving, or riding your motorcycle you observe who or what is behind you, beside you and who or what is in front of you. You can't help it because it is just a cop/survival thing we do. And if you don't do these things with what's going on now here in the U.S. here is some serious advice, start now.

D.W. Conners

Blue Knights, West Virginia II

BK-WV II Quartermaster

Mason Dixon Safety Officer

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Road Captains

Although motorcycle riding is primarily a solitary activity, many experienced riders enjoy traveling with friends. When you find someone else who shares your passion for this hobby, there's no greater excitement than a weekend road trip with your buddies.

Preparations

Before you hit the road, everyone who will be in your group should hold a brief meeting to discuss the important details of your trip. For example:

What route will you take?

What rest stops are along the way?

Who will lead the group? Ideally, the lead rider should be an experienced motorcycle operator who is very familiar with the route you are traveling.

Who will be the tail rider? Ideally, the tail rider should be an experienced motorcycle operator who has a cell phone to call for help if necessary.

What will you do if someone becomes separated from the group?

Generally, experts recommend that you limit your motorcycle riding group to between five and seven riders. In a larger group, it's too difficult to keep track of everyone. If you must travel with a larger crowd, divide yourselves into two or more smaller groups.

It's a good idea to assign someone in your group to carry a first-aid kit, cell phone, and basic tools. Motorcycle riding can be unpredictable, so it's important to be prepared for any emergency situation.

On the day of your trip, fill up your gas tank and inspect your bike for any mechanical problems. Your motorcycle should be in good running condition before any group riding experience.

Safety Tips

When riding in a group, you should always follow the same safety procedures you'd use when traveling alone. However, the close proximity of other riders does add to the risk of operating a motorcycle. To stay safe in a group riding situation, remember the following tips:

- Use a staggered riding formation to provide a sufficient space cushion between group members. Each rider must have enough space and time to react to any hazards that you might encounter.
- If you're traveling on a curvy road or visibility is poor, ride in a single-file formation.
- Side-by-side formations should be avoided whenever possible. If you're traveling in this manner, you may not be able to swerve if you encounter an obstacle in your path.
- Riders on the same track should have a distance between them of at least 2 seconds.
- If your group must merge with another group at some point in the trip, let the first group lead.
- Motorcycle operators carrying passengers should ride on the right whenever possible. Novice riders shouldn't carry passengers at all.
- If someone in the group is riding a motorcycle with a sidecar, have him/her ride at the rear or front of the group.

As you're riding, periodically check your review mirror to make sure the person behind you isn't falling behind. If necessary, slow down to allow him/her to catch up. Don't allow anyone to get separated from the group.

Ideally, your group should include people with similar skill levels and riding styles. But, if you are traveling with both new and experienced motorcycle operators, keep the novice riders in the middle of the group to prevent them from falling behind.

Under no circumstances should you mix alcohol and motorcycle riding. Do not allow anyone who has been drinking to travel in your group. A single unsafe rider puts everyone at risk.

Using Hand Signals to Communicate

When traveling with a group of motorcycle riders, hand signals are the best way to communicate. Using hand signals appropriately keeps everyone informed of the group's plans and reduces the risk of an accident caused by a surprised rider. Here are a few of the most popular:

- To signal that you need to stop for fuel, place your arm out to the side and point to the tank with your finger extended.
- To signal that you need to stop for refreshments, keep your fingers closed and point to your mouth.
- To signal that you need a rest stop, extend your forearm, keep your fist clenched, and make a short up and down motion.
- To signal that there is a hazard in the roadway, point with your right foot or your left hand.
- To indicate that you wish to have another rider follow you, keep your arm extended straight up from the shoulder and keep your palm forward.
- To indicate the need to speed up, keep your arm extended straight out with your palm facing up.
- To indicate the need to slow down, keep your arm extended straight out with your palm facing down.

To learn more about the hand signals used in group riding, download the group riding pamphlet from the [Motorcycle Safety Foundation](#) website.

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

Chaplain's Corner

January, 2015

The writer of Psalm 130 proclaims, "Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice." These words reflect the nature of so many of the Psalms: they are prayers that come from the very depth of the Psalmist's soul and life, from his authentic self. Often we try to talk to God from the "surface". We say what we think God wants to hear or repeat the prayers we have heard or that sound pious.

When Jesus said, "When you pray, go into your closet", I think he understood that if we were praying from the depth of our soul it might not be for public ears. Jesus himself was authentic in his dealings with God, the Father, and in his relationship with others. I believe God wants to hear from our authentic self, from the depth of our soul.

Lent always causes me to focus on what is deepest in my heart and life. It is a time to examine the depths of our being, however scary that might be. From the depths we bring to God our real joys, real fears, real guilt, real anger and real gratitude. The Psalmist could speak from the depths because he had both trust in God's love and patience to "wait for the Lord."

When you pray, pray from the "depths." No pretense. No fluff. Just the real stuff.

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII

State Rep's Report

LET ME THANK PRES.MARTIN FOR SETING UP AND HOLDING THE SPL. MEETING ON SUNDAY, JAN, 11, 2015. THERE WAS A GOOD TURNOUT AND SEEMED ALL POINTS ADDRESSED WERE ANSWERED. AT MY PERSONAL VIEW PRES. MARTIN ALONG WITH THE SEC/TRES MCNULTY AND VICE PRES. SWISHER CONDUCTED A VERY WELL INFORMED MEETING. THIS MEETING SHOULD HAVE PUT TO REST ANY AND ALL QUESIONS PERTAINING TO WEST VIRGINA 2 MEMBERS MAY HAVE HAD.

THERE SEEMS TO BE A WANT BY OUR OTHER WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTERS TO HAVE A RIDE OR MEETING THIS SUMMER JUST FOR OUR CHAPTERS. SPEAKING TO ED ABOUT THIS HE ADVISED THIS HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT BEFORE BUT FOR SOME REASON NEVER GOT OFF THE GROUND MAYBE THIS IS THE YEAR. WV I AND WV III (CHARLESTON AND HUNTINGTON) HAVE CONTACTED ME AND WV I ADVISED HAVE SPOKEN TO WV V (MARTINSBURG) SO LIKE SAID WE MAY GET IT DONE.

ONE RIDE I WAS ASKED ABOUT AND TO PASS ON TO WV II IS A RIDE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN JUNE. JUNE 7TH.TO FLATWOODS. THIS IS A CHARITY RIDE FOR CHILDREN. THAT'S ABOUT ALL I KNOW ABOUT THE RIDE FOR NOW BUT WILL ADVISE CHAPTER THE IN FUTURE. THIS SHOULD BE A GOOD RIDE AND EASY RIDE TO MAKE FOR MOST. CHAPTERS WV I AND WV III MAKE THIS ONE OF THERE RIDES.

ALSO I WANT TO THANK THOSE BLUE KNIGHS WHO ESCORTED ME OVER TO HONDA SHOP AFTER THE VETERANS PARADE IN CLARKSBURG. THANKS TO FRED FOR OFFERING HIS BIKE AND TO SPOT FOR SETTING UP TRUCK IF NEEDED. DW, RICHARD AND BLL FOR MAKING SURE LINDA WAS ADVISED AND TO MEET US THERE. THANKS AGAIN ALL.

NOTE...HONDA REPLACED ALL ITEMS CONCERNED WITH THE BRAKE SYSTEM OF THE BIKE UNDER THERE RECALL FROM FACTORY, REPLACED ALL BRAKE SYSTEM FROM FRONT TO BACK. AGAIN THANKS GUYS.

NOT TO MUCH ELSE I HAVE TO REPORT AT THIS TIME. THE 2015 WINTER MDC IN DANVILLE,VA IS SET FOR FEBRUARY 13th. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. PRES. ED HAS ADVISED NO FEBRUARY 2015 WV2 MEETING. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT MEETING IN MARCH.

RIDE WITH PRIDE

STAY WARM AND SAFE.

MARSHALL PARKER

WEST VIRGINA STATE REP/ MEMBER WV II

From Membership

One of our chapter members is selling his 2003 Harley Davidson Fatboy. It has about 24,000 miles for \$9,000, if anyone is interested, contact Jeff Both at bop21189@bop.gov or 304-704-6436.

For those without Facebook....

As DW was having difficulty finding LE MC patches, I did some digging and found them at Alabama VIII. They are \$6 a set plus shipping, which for a single set is \$4.00, for a total of \$10 per set. He said that if the club were to order several sets, he could send them in a flat rate box for \$5.75. If the club ordered a dozen sets or so, we could charge \$4.00 per patch or \$7.00 per set to recoup shipping. He has them in 2" block letters, as well as Old English. I ordered a set, so in a couple of weeks we'll know what they look like. The point of contact is Jay Loring, 205-631-3104. E Mail is rude115@yahoo.com. He accepts, check, money order, as well as a credit card.

Eugene D Botting
US Customs and Border Protection, retired
Blue Knight, West Virginia II
Troy, West Virginia

UP COMING EVENTS

2015 Winter MDC Conference, Danville, VA, February 13 - 15, 2015. Hosted by VA XIII, Comfort Inn & Suites, 100 Tower Drive, Danville, VA, 434-793-2000. \$75.00 per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Contact Keith Johnson 434-429-2531, bkshriner@verizon.net. Event is \$70.00 per person.

2015 Spring MDC Conference, Chesapeake, VA, May 22 - 24, 2015. Hosted by VA V, Chesapeake Marriott, 725 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320. 757-523-1500. Rooms are \$94.00 per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Contact "Spike" Johnson 757-418-1935 or spike102@verizon.net. Event is \$79.00 per person or \$150.00 per couple.

2015 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV. Hosted by West Virginia II. June 12, 13 & 14, 2015. FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL: CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, CALL 1-304-866-4121; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE BLUE KNIGHTS, Online registration go to www.canaanresort.com Group ID #15363, Password 40. To be guaranteed a room at the discount rate you must contact Canaan Valley Resort before May 1, 2015. CABINS AND CAMPSITES ALSO AVAILABLE. Rooms \$85.00 per night for standard and \$95.00 for Junior Suites.

2015 International Convention, July 19-24, 2015. Reno, Nevada. Hosted by Nevada II. Host Hotel: El Dorado Resort Casino, 345 N. Virginia St, Reno, NV 89501. Telephone 1-775-786-5700. More Info to come.

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

Drawing

Drawing at this meeting was for \$15.00, and the name that was drawn was Gerry Menendez. Since he was not there, that means that the March 2015 meeting will be worth \$20.00.

Month Meeting Locations

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, March 12th, 2015, at 19:00 hours, at the Hickory House Restaurant, 1137 U.S. Highway 19 N, Jane Lew, WV, 26378.

There will be an Executive Board Meeting at 18:30 hours (6:30 pm) just before the regular meeting.

2015

WILD AND WONDERFUL KNIGHTS Blue Knights West Virginia II

PLEASE COPY

\$75.00 PER PERSON PRE-REGISTRATION

After May 1st, 2015 Registration is \$90.00 Per Person

June 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2015

CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, DAVIS, WV

NAME: _____ Age: _____ Miles to Event on Motorcycle: _____
CO-RIDER: _____ Age: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ Chapter: _____

PRE-ORDER T-SHIRTS \$15.00 EACH: # _____ SIZES: _____ # _____ SIZES: _____

Please mail this form to:
BLUE KNIGHTS WV II
P.O. BOX 174
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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 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 12th, 13th, & 14th, 2015**, 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.

If you want to 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, 2015.*

To be guaranteed a room at the discount rate you must contact **Canaan Valley Resort** directly at (1-304-866-4121) before **May 1, 2015**. They have blocked off rooms, when you call mention **Blue Knights Group ID #15363, Password 40**. The room prices are \$85.00 plus taxes & fees for standard room; and \$95.00 plus taxes & fees for junior suites. Cabins & 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 9 PM, Saturday night, June 13th, 2015.



Blue Knights Mason Dixon Spring Conference Chesapeake, VA. May 22 - 24, 2015

Chesapeake Marriott

725 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA. 23320

Blue Knight rate \$94.00 per night (plus tax)

757-523-1500

\$79.00 person/\$150.00 couple *(Before May 1st)*

ADD \$10.00 after May 1st

Children (7—13) \$45.00/under 7 free

Registration includes:

- Friday Night Dinner
- 2 Breakfast buffets
- Saturday "Seafood Fest"
- Virginia V's "Traditional" hospitality room
- Music & Entertainment
- Guided & Self Guided Rides
- Conference Pin

For additional information contact

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Member Name: _____

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Make checks payable to Blue Knights Virginia V & return to P.O. Box 9334, Chesapeake, VA. 23321