



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

If you have not called the Elkins Holiday Inn Express & Suites to reserve your room for the 2017 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend, I would suggest you do it soon. The rooms are being taken now and as soon as the Sword & Shield is released to the International Membership here very soon, I am sure they will start filling up fast. Remember they only have 69 rooms at the hotel and I already know that about 22 or more are taken.

Ride With Pride

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 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. If not received by January 30, 2017 you will have to pay a late fee of \$5.00 which means you will owe \$30.00. Send your dues to the address below or email me and I will have the treasurer send you info so you can pay by credit card. 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

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SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

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If you have not paid your membership dues for 2017, you are late. I ask all of you that have not sent your dues in to please contact me ASAP. The dues will be \$30.00 because of late fee if not received by January 30, 2017.

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

January Meeting: Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Randy Biggins, Doug Baker, Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Ron Watson, Del Parris, Eugene Botting, Greg Hoskins, Ethel Tyler, Rex Talkington, Russ Swiger, John McCloud, and Lewis Stevens

Guest: Becca Green

Chapter Safety Officer

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

Road Captains '2-Second Rule' Determined by road conditions

By: James R. Davis

A message was posted in a motorcycle conference recently which argued that we should abandon the '2-second' rule (distance between bikes in the same track - distance between each bike in the group being half that) and possibly double it to increase safety.

Yes, that will certainly increase safety, generally, but it results in a group that is spread so far out that it introduces new safety problems - like it encourages cagers to dart into the gaps between bikes.

But there are times where the '2-second' rule makes no sense whatever. To begin with, it must be realized that there is a set of implicit assumptions that goes along with adopting that rule. Most important of these is that the skills/experience level of the individual riders is about at par with each other. Additionally, but often overlooked, is the absolute assumption that you are riding on dry level pavement! (More importantly still, that you have UNOBSTRUCTED VISIBILITY.)

It has been well documented that it takes the average person almost 1 full second to recognize and then to react to an UNEXPECTED threat. (About 1/2 second if the threat is anticipated.) The '2-second Rule', in other words, provides 1 full second of distance between bikes in order to provide sufficient time for following bikers to recognize and react to unexpected threats.

If all bikers in the group have roughly equivalent skills, then no matter what the driver ahead of you does - so long as he REMAINS IN CONTROL OF HIS BIKE - you should be able to do the same without running into him. This is true whether you are on wet or dry pavement and regardless of any pavement slope you are on. (In fact, this is almost true about the bike that is only 1 second ahead of you - that is, if he, for example, begins a panic stop then in 1 second you will also be able to begin a panic stop and you will be exactly where he WAS when he did so. You will both end up in exactly the same spot - he will have stopped before you get to him but you will be traveling at about 1 MPH when you do.)

However, the bike ahead of you is not the only thing that you might have to avoid hitting. Going down hill or riding on wet surfaces dramatically increases your stopping distance and is important should you have to avoid an obstacle in the road (pothole or vehicle), or the bike ahead of you that is no longer in control (high-sided, for example.)

Since your tire traction is cut by as much as TWO-THIRDS on wet roads, clearly you should increase following distances substantially over what is safe on dry level roads. Similarly, sand or gravel covered roadways should cause you to stretch out those following distances. However, that is NOT because you have less time to react - the 2-second rule is to provide REACT TIME, and is NOT a function of traction.

Since gravity either aids or detracts from the ability of your brakes to stop your bike based on whether you are on an incline or a decline, following distances must be significantly increased to maintain the safety margin if you are riding downhill - and the steeper the slope, the wider those distances should be.

When riding in a curve most motorcyclists choose their own line and certainly should not be 'required' to stay in their track (though they should stay in their lane, of course.) It follows, then, that distances between bikes should be nearly doubled when riding twisties.

If the bike ahead of you does not remain in control, then you need to be able to avoid hitting him without doing whatever got him into

trouble (such as hitting something in the road.) In low traction environments (or going downhill) you need more time and distance.

The '2-second rule' means that in staggered formation there is a ONE second spacing between each bike, thus a TWO second spacing between bikes in the same track.

My intention in this discussion is to demonstrate that if you use this kind of spacing then:

- IF your reaction time to an unexpected threat is 1 second or less (studies have shown this to be a reasonable expectation), and
- IF your motorcycle skills are as good or better than those of the next driver ahead of you,

Then whatever the motorcyclist ahead of you does you should be able to do without running into him. (Including a panic stop, or a turn across your path, or both.)

All else being equal, the "2-second rule" should constitute your fundamental safety margin while riding in a group if you use it as a minimum spacing distance.

This does not mean it is impossible to hit the guy ahead of you if he loses control of his bike! If he T-bones a vehicle that enters an intersection, you will almost certainly run into them. If he locks his rear brake and then highsides, you might run into him.

But running into the bike ahead is not your only threat. If that bike successfully dodges an obstacle in the street, you could hit it rather than him. If a deer or another vehicle happens to run into the gap between you and the bike ahead, you need stopping/swerving ability.

Since wet surfaces or driving down a hill decreases stopping ability, it makes sense to widen the gaps between bikes when you have to deal with them. Not so that you can avoid hitting the bike ahead of you if he remains in control of his bike, but because he might not, or other panic stop conditions might arise.

Conditions which should cause you to increase following distance, then, are those that affect VISIBILITY and, as a result, reaction time.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

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

Chaplain's Corner

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall inherit the earth. Peacemakers are scarce these days. For several years there has been a great divide within our country, and everyone seems to be angry, belligerent and down-right mean. Two different studies revealed that political prejudice is stronger than racial prejudice today. Most of us are guilty of digging into our positions on a given subject and simply shouting at those who disagree. As someone described it with a touch of humor, "Sure, I can agree with you, but then we would both be wrong."

But divisions are also evident in families and in neighborhoods, in the workplace and in churches. As those in law enforcement know most of our calls are either domestic disputes or fighting among neighbors. Once we become defensive we are more likely to fight back than to try to understand where the other person is coming from. Such disagreements often end in name-calling and blaming rather than in seeking a rational solution to the issue.

I believe strongly that we need peacemakers, and I believe God calls us to this role. While we may not be able to change the world we can change the world immediately around us. In one episode of Blue Bloods, one of the kids was saying that the resolution of a particular case was not fair. His aunt said, "Jack the world is not fair." Frank, Jack's grandfather and the police commissioner, replied, "That is right, Jack. The world is not fair, but you can be." We can be peacemakers.

We can start by praying for peace and praying for understanding of those with whom we disagree. We can pray that they also will be understanding. We can listen to others instead of just shouting back at them. We can be nice to the irritable clerk or disagreeable neighbor. We can quit complaining and whining about the state of things and focus on solutions. Of course this does not mean that we have to give up our principles and our values or that we have to ignore real threats to ourselves or to our country. It does mean that we have to desire peace and pray for courage to be peacemakers.

Del Parris
Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

Committee Reports

Ed Martin, 2017 WWK Committee Chairman: Walter and I are planning on going up to Elkins again within the next month to talk with all parties in Elkins. We have heard that the rooms are starting to be booked, so please make your reservations soon. They only have 69 rooms and I have heard that 22 rooms are already booked. I will be handing out flyers and registrations at the 2017 MDC meeting in February. There is a separate registration for West Virginia II members. Please let us know if you want to take the train ride on Saturday. We have blocked 20 spaces for the Parlor Car and we must let them know 30 days in advance.

From Membership

UP COMING EVENTS

2017 Winter MDC Conference, Atlantic Beach, NC, February 10 - 12, 2017. Hosted by NC XVIII, Double Tree by Hilton, 2717 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512, rooms \$69.00 per night, phone # 252-240-1155; Blue Knights North Carolina XVIII, 206 Ridge Crest Dr, Peletier, NC 28584. Price is \$75.00 per person. Contact John Elder 252-342-1807.

2017 Spring MDC Conference, Memphis, TN, May 26 - 29, 2017. Hosted by TN I. More information to come.

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.

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: Brother Rex Talkington just had surgery again. Brother Ron Fetsco is still not feeling well. Brother Jim Boreing and his wife Margie are still sick. Please take time to pray for all of them.

Drawing

Drawing at January 12, 2017 meeting was for \$20.00. Brother Reid was not present so at the February 9, 2017 meeting the prize will be \$25.00.

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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: ADDRESS: CITY: PHONE: PASSENGER: STATE: ZIP: 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.

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.

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.