



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I would like to start off by thanking the members once again for placing your confidence and trust in me by electing me as your President for 2018/2019. 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. We have had a few times that we have not been unified as a group but have moved on as a chapter. My goal is to work towards achieving this, but in order to be successful, we must work as a team to make this happen. I do my best to act as the bylaws requires me to do. 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 Greg Hoskins for working hard the last several years as our Vice-President. Thank you, Greg, for all your time and help.

I would like to see members come forth and be on some of the committees that we have in the chapter. We need your support to make things happen.

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 put out the information about our bingo to all of the people you can, send out emails, text or just phone calls will help.

The annual Board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 29, 2018, at 13:00 hours at the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse. Rexann and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

This is my first year as your Vice President and it is a new position for me. I am asking that you have patience with me while I settle into this new position. My main job is recruitment and retention. So, my first official thing to start with is our renewals. Please send in your 2018 dues now.

Have you sent in your 2018 membership dues? If not, you are now late and since the international has increased the membership dues to \$30.00 a year now, plus your \$5.00 late fee you owe \$35.00. So please send in your due 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.

It appears that there are a few members that did not pay their 2017 dues and are now on the "not in good standing" list. Please send me a message that you are going to remain a member as soon as you can. My email is listed below.

Also, I would encourage everyone to help me learn this new position and help me grow this chapter. If you talk to someone that would be a great addition to our BK WV II membership and that meet the requirements for membership, please 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.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 8th, 2018 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.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

To the members of the Blue Knights WVII Chapter I thank you greatly for nominating and voting me in as your current Secretary. I will do my best to serve you and the Chapter with honor and dignity. I have never had this position, it is all new to me. I will need input and assistance from all of you.

I reside a tad bit further away than most of you. I have not missed any Mason Dixon conferences since joining the Blue Knights WVII Chapter in 2015. However recent medical issues have hindered my travel. Hope to be better soon with the Lord's help.

I hope to see a better turn out and gathering of us all in Elkins for Wild Wonderful Knights. Would be great to have photos sent in and published in "Sword n Shield". Be nice if we had some ideas on quartermaster items to put on display n sold in the Sword N Shield and at Elkins.

Would like to do a dry run of the Blue Butt Run as soon as weather gets to be on our side.

Just to let everyone know here are the officers for 2018/2019.

President- Ed Martin

Vice-President - James Enoch

Secretary- George "Robby" Robinson

Treasurer- Martin McNulty

Directors- Lou Stevens, Bobby Ryan, & Rex Talkington.

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Once thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be your Secretary.

Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 8th, 2017 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.

Our chapter was able to donate or sponsor several things in 2017 out of our bingo and raffle accounts. We were able to give away about \$9,730.00 to help the people in our communities.

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

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Marty McNulty

ROLL CALL

January Meeting: Del Parris, Chuck Luzader, Jim Enoch, Rene Noe, Ron Watson, Lewis Stevens, Randy Biggins, Steve Hamling, Greg Hoskins, Doug Baker, Ethel Tyler, Walter Knight, Don Wikert, Marty McNulty, Rexann Martin, and Ed Martin.

Guest: Mike Neely & Brandi Knight

Chapter Safety Officer Jump Starting Your Motorcycle You can't kill a dead battery

By: James R. Davis

Assuming that you have, or can get, a set of jumper cables when you find that your motorcycle battery is dead, getting the bike started is no big deal. But you can cause harm if you do it wrong.

Connecting batteries in series is what you do when you pop a couple of cells into your flashlight. That is, you put the positive terminal of one battery into contact with the negative terminal of another. The result is that the voltage provided is the sum of the voltages of both batteries. This is NOT THE WAY to connect motorcycle batteries!!!

When you connect batteries in parallel, by placing the positive terminal of one into contact with the positive terminal of the other and the same with the negative terminals, then the voltage that results remains the same, but the amount of current that can be produced is raised. You need current to power your starter.

- Always be sure that the batteries you will be connecting together are of the **same voltage**.
- Always connect the same polarity terminals together when jumping a battery.

If you connect the opposite polarity terminals together your battery can EXPLODE!

- Always wear eye protection when jumping a battery!

Batteries can explode from another cause as well: a charging battery creates hydrogen gas.

- Make sure the vent tube on your battery is connected properly.
- Make sure you are in a well ventilated environment - preferably outside.
- Do NOT SMOKE while charging or jumping a battery.

Lay out your jumper cable so that the connectors are not touching each other. Then, connect the positive (red) lead of the cable closest to your dead battery to the positive terminal on that battery followed by connecting the negative lead (black) to your negative battery terminal. Be sure that these connections are firm - wiggle them a little in order to let the teeth (if any) on the jumper leads cut into the terminal metal posts.

- Always start by making the connections on your dead battery.

Why? Because you cannot kill a dead battery! (If the loose ends of the jumper cable were to touch each other.)

(It might be better if you connected the negative lead to some part of your bike frame rather than to the negative battery terminal in order to keep any potential sparks away from generated hydrogen gas. However, there cannot be a spark from a dead battery,

connecting the leads to the dead battery does not yet create a circuit, and in the next step you will take pains to avoid a spark with the live battery.)

Next, connect the positive (red) lead of the other end of the jumper cable to the functional battery's positive terminal. Again, wiggle the connection to encourage a good 'bite' of metal to metal. [If you are unable to gain access to the battery terminals on the donor vehicle, (many are very inconveniently located), you can connect the positive jumper lead to the starter solenoid lead closest to the battery.]

Finally, connect the remaining (black) lead to some part of the frame of the donor vehicle. Since the negative terminal of all modern vehicles have their negative battery terminal connected to the frame of the vehicle (called a 'ground'), this is the same as connecting to the negative terminal of the battery. However, since this last connection establishes a live circuit, it is possible for there to be a spark when the connection is made. You want any spark that might occur to be as far away from the battery as is reasonably possible.

- Though MOST vehicles today use a negative ground, you must check to be sure that is the case before you connect the jumper cables to the donor battery. You can still use it even if that vehicle uses a positive ground, but you must remember to connect positive to positive and negative to negative.

Generally speaking, it does not matter if the vehicle engine is running or not when you do this, but you should avoid doing so as cooked motorcycle stators are expensive repair jobs. The battery will be producing the proper voltage and current to do the job, and usually, but not always, not so much that you might do harm. However,

- If your battery is dead because it has developed an internal short, you can easily kill the donor battery when connecting it if the donor vehicle is not running at the time, but
- If it is running and your battery is shorted you can damage the donor vehicle's voltage regulator system when you connect the jumper cables.

If the donor vehicle is not running when you connect the jumper cables,

- DO NOT START THE DONOR VEHICLE while it is connected to your motorcycle battery.

While the starting current drain is not going to be a problem, the subsequent charging current to replenish the battery could be more than your motorcycle battery can handle.

You do not have to be in a hurry while the jumper cables are connected. Indeed, so long as those cables are connected the donor battery is charging your motorcycle battery. After a couple of minutes the charge might be sufficient for you to be able to start your bike using just your own battery. In any event, it is now time to start your motorcycle. It is usually best to simply leave the jumper cable in place when you start the motorcycle.

Let your motorcycle run about 15 seconds while the jumper cable remains in place. Then, remove the negative (black) lead from the donor vehicle's frame (assuming it was a normal negative-ground system). Again, this step could cause a spark, but because the connection is away from the battery, it poses no danger.

Now disconnect the positive (red) lead from the donor battery terminal. **You must be very careful not to let the jumper cable leads touch each other at this time.** To do so WILL KILL YOUR MOTORCYCLE BATTERY, possibly permanently!

Disconnect the jumper leads from your motorcycle battery (in any order - there cannot be a spark from doing so.)

Let the motorcycle idle (high - over 1,000 RPM) for a few minutes before you attempt to ride off into the sunset to give its charging system a chance to restore your battery.

Thank the person who donated the use of their battery to get you going again. (You could have killed *HIS* battery if you had done it wrong, so he took some risk for you as well as provided his courtesy.)

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Ride With Pride
Walter Knight

Road Captains

**You don't have to be the Road Captain to Plan a Ride.
Here are a few tips.**

Planning the Ride

A road captain is a fundamental part of any ride planning. Especially where riders may number in the dozens or even hundreds, he/she has to be well versed in the route. He/she must know about potential hazards, road conditions and any special events that are happening at the time of the ride. A road captain will ride the route a few days in advance to make sure that nothing has changed, will keep an eye on the weather, and will also be present at ride planning meetings.

Educating and Informing Riders

The road captain is expected to brief the group before the ride. He/she will inform riders about the pace of the ride, tell them about staggered formation, and will explain what the rules are. Some rides require the participants to ride together in tight formation, while others have a more loose, "at your own pace" style. The road captain will also answer questions and educate new riders in hand signals and other riding etiquette. Finally, the road captain will let riders know what to do should they break down or have a mishap, and might have a tactful word in the ear of a rider whose behavior is causing problems.

Leading the Ride

The road captain leads the ride. Riders are expected to keep an eye on him/her for cues as to where to go next. Working in conjunction with blockers or sweepers, the captain will also help to block off intersections to allow riders to pass without worrying about traffic. He/she will then pass back to the front. Sometimes the road captain stays in front and only the blockers do the intersection work, and sometimes he/she works with the blockers. When a lane change is performed, the leader signals the change and the rear guard initiates it. This prevents lane-changing bikes from crashing into one another and also provides a safer block to traffic. Indicators are seen from the rear and a large column of bikes changing is less likely to be cut off.

Stop Coordination

At gas and fuel stops, the road captain will set up in a staging area he has previously chosen so that the line of bikes can assemble. After leaving, the road captain will wait until the rear-guard signals that everyone is ready to go before accelerating to highway speed.

Other Duties of the Road Captain

Other duties of the road captain including dealing with the police and other unexpected surprises, and making sure everybody has a fun, safe ride. The road captain is part of a team that includes the sweepers and rear guard, and is, by definition, an experienced rider.

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

Chaplain's Corner

As the new year begins we are off and running with our New Year's resolutions, some of which we will never start, some of which we will start and fizzle out, and some that we will actually accomplish. Some of the most popular resolutions relate to improving our health, either through resolving to exercise more or to eat less. These are good resolutions if we are committed and maybe are working with friends or family to help us.

I often wonder (and these days I often wander as well) how many people resolve to grow in their spiritual lives. How many of us are as intent on improving the health of our character and of our integrity? How many of us set out to improve our relationship to God, who made us and desires to be at the center of our lives? If some of your resolutions include these goals then it is necessary to include specific steps. Without elaborating, here are some suggestions.

>Discard some of the habits and behaviors that are in the way. Like physical dieting we need to give up some things if we are to grow spiritually.

>Look for positive input: read the scriptures and other sources from people who have developed strong spiritual lives.

>Incorporate some spiritual exercises: you won't get strong just driving by the gym or looking at your weights; you have to use them. If you be honest, fair, and compassionate in specific ways, then your integrity will improve.

It is not too late to make those resolutions. I always give myself until the end of January, so make a plan and carry it out. Don't forget to ask God for help – we certainly will need it.

Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WWII

Committee Reports

None

UP COMING EVENTS

2018 Winter MDC Conference, Newark, Delaware, February 16 - 18, 2018. Hosted by DE I, the host hotel is the Ramada Inn, 260 Chapman Road, Newark, Delaware, 19702, which is ¼ mile off of I-95 at Exit 3A. A great price of \$72.00 plus 8% tax has been obtained which includes a hot buffet breakfast for two persons in a room (additional persons in a room will be charged a nominal fee). This great rate, including the hot buffet breakfast, is good for 2 days prior and after the conference. Early registrations received “prior to December 31, 2017” will be \$70 per person. Registrations received after that date and up to the date of conference will increase \$5 per person to \$75.00 per person.

2018 Spring MDC Conference, Danville, VA, May 25 - 28, 2018. Hosted by VA XIII, Comfort Inn & Suites, 100 Tower Drive, Danville, VA, 434-793-2000. \$85.00 plus tax per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Registration for event is \$85.00 per person. Contact Keith Johnson 434-429-2531 va13@bluenights.org.

2018 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Elkins, WV. June 8, 9, & 10, 2018. **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 \$65.00 per person before April 1st, 2018, and \$80.00 after April 1st.**

2018 Blue Knights International Convention, July 15 – 20, 2018, Stone Mountain, Ga., 30083. Hosted by GA XVI, host hotel is the Atlanta Evergreen Marriott, 4021 Lakeview Dr. Stone Mountain, Ga 30083, (770) 879-9900. Room Rate: \$139.00/ single, \$156.00/ double occupancy, \$193.00/ triple occupancy, \$230.00/ quad occupancy plus taxes and hotel fees. Registration: \$120.00 / person full week basic, can be done with paper or on line! Visit their website for full details. Convention Website: <https://bkic2018.com/>

2018 West Virginia II, Friday, December 14th, 2018, 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 Wikert lost his mother in December. Brother Baker lost his brother in December. Brother Russ Swiger lost his brother in December. Brother Robinson home sick. Brother Rex Talkington home sick.

Drawing: The January 11, 2017 was worth \$40.00. Brother Chuck Luzader's name was drawn and he was present and received the money. February 2018 drawing will be \$5.00.

Just to let everyone know that Brother Del Parris won the Christmas drawing.

Next Meeting Location

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