



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

The annual Board meeting will be on Sunday, January 30, 2021, at 13:00 hours at the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse. I will not be able to attend in person so we will have to do it by Zoom or postpone it until later on in February.

Rexann and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Just want to let everyone know that the 2021 Winter Mason Dixon Conference weekend for February 12-14, 2021 has been canceled. The MDC Meeting will be on Zoom. Sunday morning at 10 am, February 14, 2021. The Mason Dixon Conference Board is attempting to find another chapter to host the conference in May so please wait to see what appears.

Subject: Dates for Blue Knights International Executive Officers Election for 2021 The Ballots will be emailed to all members in good standing and the voting will begin on May 26, 2021. Voting will take place from that date until July 9, 2021. This will allow 45 days of voting for all members. There will be two slightly different ballots (A -North American Conferences, B –European and the UK&I Conferences). The votes will be tabulated and announced at the International Meeting in Prescott, AR on July 11, 2021. During this voting period, Election Trust will send two “reminder” email blasts out to all members who have not voted. The newly elected Officers will be sworn in by the current International President at the conclusion of the meeting/banquet on July 11, 2021.

THE 2021 SPRING MASON DIXON CONFERENCE/WWK HOSTED BY OUR CHAPTER HAS BE CANCELED. Due to the West Virginia Covid 19 guidelines are still holding that we can only have a gathering of 25 people. CDC and our state health people of talking about the new strain of the Covid now going through the country and it may be here until around August before we have any idea about the last results. Here is the letter that I sent out.

“2021 Spring Mason Dixon Conference Meeting Update.

It is with regret that West Virginia II is having to cancel the Spring MDC weekend. As most of you are aware, West Virginia’s Governor has issued an Executive Order mandating that there be no social gatherings of more than twenty-five (25) people at this time. This has been the order since November 2020 and it appears from his office that this will continue until at least August 2021. With our State having the largest numbers of Covid 19 cases still increasing and with a new strain coming in, we feel confident that he will either extend the date OR if we are lucky, increase the number to between 25-100? Either way, it is impossible to plan for, yet hold, an event for “just a few” and risk the financial guarantees associated with sponsoring the event.

We all know how much work goes into setting up this type of event and it saddens us to have to cancel this event. We have done this so that the other vendors have time to rebook or reschedule their calendars. We don’t want the hotel or caterers to lose out because we did not give them enough time adjust. We have contacted the hotel and they have canceled all rooms in the block for the event but if you would like you can call the hotel to

confirm that your room has been canceled. (304-630-2266)

On behalf of West Virginia II, we again apologize to everyone and hope that our path's will cross again soon...

Ride with Pride

Ed Martin, President

West Virginia II

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Catch the fever.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 11th, 2021 at 7 PM.

Respectfully,

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

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

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Chapter Safety Officer

Accident Management

Help your fellow riders by thinking ahead, being prepared

By: Cash Anthony

After an accident, the people you ride with want to be useful. They will feel helpless enough if they aren't medical professionals with adequate gear to start making a difference, for in serious accidents, first aid seems superficially valuable or is even impossible to render. If they have access to communications and to important information, however, they can still help save your life. In light of Karen Miller's accident last November, here are some tips I gleaned from dealing with an emergency situation. The first four are offered to enable your fellow riders to help you immediately, the rest over the longer term.

- Carry a cellular phone when you ride, if possible. If you don't have one, ask who in the group has one and where on the bike it is kept.
- Carry legible ID and keep it current. If you've moved since your driver's license was issued, you can get a ticket for failing to update it -- as well as cause confusion about such basics as "where does she live?" Check or sign the organ donor box on it, if you would want to donate in a worst-case scenario.
- Carry a list of medications you take routinely and keep it current. List allergies or medical conditions that EMS techs/doctors need to know about to treat you.
- Carry a list of persons to contact and their current telephone numbers, including area codes. If those living with you are likely to be hard to reach, or you live alone, friends who ride with you should be able to figure out easily who to call from information on your bike or your person. (Even if they can gain access to your home by taking your keys from the scene, it doesn't mean they can find your address book.) Karen had thought to carry names and telephone numbers of relatives and friends with her, which saved her fellow riders a lot of stress after Life Flight left, when they started the notification process.

Hospital and emergency personnel will presume that an unconscious person has given them consent to save his or her life. But even when a rider has a close family member who can legally take over subsequent medical decisions (as far as the hospital's lawyers are concerned), your fellow LSL members may still be uncertain about which family member should be given your valuables, your keys, your jewelry, and access to your home -- especially if the family members argue about it when they get together to meet the witnesses and pick these items up.

It is unfortunately only a cheerful fiction that all of a downed rider's brothers and sisters and in-laws will be getting along splendidly the week that an accident happens -- not to mention the new lover and the ex-spouse. Would you want your cousin who's on parole rummaging through your mail while you're laid up? If you have no skeletons in your closet of relatives, you can ignore these suggestions. But for many of us, there are some troublesome realities among our relatives. So, for the longer term...

- Have a durable Power of Attorney prepared appointing someone close to you to be in charge of your business and legal affairs, in writing. "Durable" means the person designated can act for you even if you could not act for yourself (i.e., if you were unconscious, or sedated for a long time). This is not a "form" document that you can buy, but it is usually inexpensive to have it prepared. "Close" means living in your area as well as close by relationship: if someone is making decisions critical to your well-being, he or she will be better informed after talking to your doctors' face to face, if possible.
- If you have given someone verbal authority to act for you in an emergency, do not leave written authority appointing someone else. Revoke conflicting Powers of Attorney and have a correct one prepared. Then tell someone who rides with you whom you designated! If you don't want to discuss this every time you go out, put a copy of the durable Power of Attorney with the list of phone numbers on your bike, or leave it with someone who is on that list of persons to notify in case of an accident.

If you're riding with someone who goes down and are helping at an accident scene, get the name of the investigating officer in charge and find out where the vehicles are going and where the accident report will be. Take photos if you can. Retrieve the rider's ID, insurance card and personal items from the bike and protect them. Find the lists of phone numbers and medications as soon as possible.

Riders who witness a serious accident will be somewhat in shock even if they were uninjured. If you are managing an accident scene where a friend has been hurt, let bystanders help you as well as your friend, if they can. Don't rush to get to the hospital once your injured friend has been removed. Take time to collect yourself before riding again. Have a drink of water (shock can make you dry-mouthed), and try to remember to thank the emergency personnel and any bystanders who helped you, before you leave.

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Ride with Pride, Walter Knight

Road Captains Overnight Parking Side-stand or center-stand? Cover it or not?

By: James R. Davis

You are out on an overnighiter and are parking the bike for the evening. The winds are up. Do you use a cover or not? Put it up on the center stand or leave it on the side stand?

Let me deal with the second question first - it is the easiest. Rule-of-thumb: Unless you are parked inside a garage on concrete, use your side stand!

Your side stand provides a WIDE tripod as compared to your center stand. As such, it provides far more stable parking for your motorcycle. The sole exception to this is if you are unable to park such that the bike leans firmly on the side stand. For example, if your shocks or tire pressure are low, your luggage weight is high, or the ground slopes to the right. If the bike is not leaning firmly on your side stand it can rather easily be pushed over to the right side.

Though high winds and bike covers do not go well together, I always use mine when I'm out on an overnighiter. This, to tend to minimize the risks of theft and curiosity seekers taking liberties (even good-natured parents have taken the liberty of placing one of their children in a bike's saddle they were walking by without getting the bike owner's permission.) Further, I'd rather the cover get damaged from windblown sand and other debris than the finish on my bike.

Remember to use some form of fastener to cinch together the bottom edges of your cover under the bike to keep it from flying off (and to further deter someone who might even think about stealing the bike.)

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Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John "Spot" McCloud

Chaplain's Corner

Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII

Quartermaster

Rene Noe

Joke for the Day

With the rise of self-driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time before we get a country song where a guy's truck leaves him too.

MDC Safety Officer

Committee Reports/From Membership

NONE

UP COMING EVENTS

****2021 Winter Mason Dixon Conference Weekend:** February 12th – 14th, 2021, Chesapeake, VA, Hosted by VA V. Has been canceled. The conference meeting will be on Zoom, Sunday morning at 10 am. February 14th, 2021.

2021 GLRC Spring Meeting: March 19 -21, 2021, hosted by OH XVII & OH XXV. Holiday Inn®, 4520 Everhard Road NW, Canton, OH 44718; Room Rate: \$109 or a Studio Suite for \$129 (Includes breakfast for two) (330) 494-2770. Ask for “Blue Knights” block of rooms. We have a 50-roomblock. Must be booked by February 25, 2021. Home of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. It is only \$65 per person for those registering before March 1st, you will receive an event pin. \$70 for those registering late and no guarantee of an event pin. Children under age 12 attend at no cost but if they are to attend the banquet a kid’s meal ticket must be purchased for \$14. Hotel rate applies to Thursday March 18th as well. T-Shirts available on pre-order basis by March 1st only. P.S.: You’re almost guaranteed a door prize!100+

SRC Spring 2021 Conference: April 22 – 24, 2021; Hosted by LAXV, Shreveport - Bossier City, LA. SRC Rumble on the Red Tour. Conference Registration: \$75 per person/\$150 per couple, \$85/\$170 after March 25, 2021. Conference Hotel: Sam’s Town Casino and Hotel, 315 Clyde Fant Memorial Pkwy, Shreveport, LA 71101. Host Chapter Contact Information: Blue Knights LAXV, P.O. Box 52491, Shreveport, LA 71135. Chapter Email: blueknightslaxv@yahoo.com. President: Duane Farquhar - 318-510-0122 or Secretary: Bill Vincent: - 318-773-4707

****2021 Spring MDC & Wild & Wonderful Knights**, Hosted by West Virginia II. **CANCELED** on January 14, 2021.

Heaven I Ride: Saturday, June 12th, 2021. The ride will start at the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. We will ride to visit most of our members that have transferred to Heaven I. This will be a daylong event lasting for about 7 hours or more depending on the stops. Basically, it will start at the Blue Knights Clubhouse and travel to at least 4 cemeteries and then back to the Blue Knights Clubhouse. It looks like about 240 miles and about 5

hours driving time. With putting flags on the graves and gas stops plus food stops, it will be about 7 hours. With doing it in mid-June there should not be a problem with daylight.

2021 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, Sept 3 - 6, 2021. 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 44th Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823 or VA2@blueknights.org.

SRC Fall 2021 Conference: September 30 - October 3, 2021, hosted by GA XI. Unicoi State Park & Lodge, 1788 Highway 356, Helen, GA 30545. Conference registrations made after **September 1st, 2020** will be \$80 per member/\$150 per couple.

Group room rates start at **\$109** per night plus tax and fees. There are also special rates for Barrels and Cabins located nearby. The group rate is available two days before and after the event dates. To book by phone, call **800-573-9659**. You must mention the **Blue Knights** and use the new 2021 **Group Code 09594**.

Harrison County Toy Run: November 28, 2021 at South Harrison High School, Lost Creek, WV. Lineup before 12:30 pm. Kickstands up at 1 PM.

2021 West Virginia II, Friday, December 10th, 2021, 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 Robinson is under the weather.

Drawing: Drawing January 2021 will be \$5.00. Brother Scott Hunt name was drawn for the \$5.00 but he was not at the meeting so the February drawing will be \$10.00. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing.

Members in attendance: Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Mike Neely, Fred LePera, Ron Watson and Terry Queen.

On Zoom: Lou Stevens, Steve Richards, Rene Noe and Dominic Squillace.

Next Meeting Location

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