



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Our Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend was enjoyed by all that attended. Everyone said they like the new location and are looking forward to returning next year. Also the local visitor's center people already want to sit down and talk about next year. As of the July meeting we are going to try and work with Elkins again and have 2017 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend in Elkins.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 11, 2016 will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at the new Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, located at 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV. There is no food being sold at the clubhouse yet.

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.

We still have about 5 members that have not sent in their dues. Please get them into the chapter ASAP.

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

Greg & Tiffany Hoskins

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SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

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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

July Meeting: Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Rex Talkington, Greg Hoskins, Walter Knight, Marshall Parker, Randy Biggins, Robby Robinson, Ethel Tyler, Bobby Fisher.

Guests: Linda Parker

Chapter Safety Officer

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

MDC Safety Officer

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Road Captains

Target Fixation

Rather than let it lead you into trouble, use it

By: James R. Davis

Sometimes we riders tend to minimize the risks we hear about. Take, for example, what every student of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation has heard about - 'target fixation'. 'Fixating' on something means not being able to take your attention (your eyes, for example) away from it. In the case of riding motorcycles, for example, this leads to the phenomena wherein our motorcycles tend to go in the direction we are looking and is usually described with an example familiar to all -- that if you see a pothole in the street ahead of you and don't take your eyes off it you are likely to hit it.

While that is true, it is too trivial an example to get our attention appropriately. We are left with the opinion that 'target fixation' is of trivial concern because we all know that we can, if we try, avoid that pothole.

In the case study we talk at great length about the tragic consequences possible from thinking that target fixation is a trivial problem. You are strongly encouraged to read that case study. While it is more graphic than most will be comfortable with, I can think of nothing that will better make the case for respecting the danger of target fixation.

It is insufficient to simply post the advise that you should avoid target fixation. Saying "don't fixate" is all very well, but once it starts, you need a positive technique to get yourself out in one piece. So once you are in trouble, use target fixation to save your skin.

Don't look at the oncoming truck/tree/pothole; figure out where you would rather be and fixate on that instead. In fact, those of you that have taken the MSF classes know that "target fixation" is an excellent way to control skids - fixate on a point dead ahead on the horizon, and you'll be well on the way towards automatically correcting most skids.

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

Chaplain's Corner

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII

State Rep's Report

RIDE WITH PRIDE, RIDE SAFE,

MARSHALL PARKER

WEST VIRGINIA STATE REP/ MEMBER WV II

Committee Reports

Ed Martin, 2016 WWK Committee Chairman: Walter and I went back to Elkins to talk with all parties involved with our event and everything is looking good for another event next year. Since this was the first year working with all these people everyone now knows what to expect and we are keeping our fingers crossed that all of them will be on board with help again next year. We understand that we had a few incidents happen, they were not major incidents and all parties with the planning stages were very happy.

Brother Knight and Brother Martin have talked to the downtown group and they are wanting us back next year and so does the American Legion. The hotel manager was happy with our group as well and is looking forward to our return.

At the July meeting it was the consciences of the members that we have the 2017 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend back at the same hotel in Elkins. Brother Knight and Brother Martin will be checking with the Elkins people to see if we can make it happen.

From Membership

NONE

UP COMING EVENTS

2016 Harrison County Child Advocacy Center, August 27th, 2016. Starts at Triple S Harley Davidson in Morgantown and ends at Lambert's Vintage Winery, Weston, WV. More info to come.

2016 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, September 2 - 5, 2016. Hosted by VA II, Best Western Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253; Blue Knights Virginia – II, P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. The 40th Annual Blue Ridge Rally, theme is “New Orleans”. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823.

2016 West Virginia II Halloween Party, Best Western Inn , 100 Lodgeville Rd, Bridgeport, West Virginia, Saturday, October 22th, 2016. Contact person is Brother Ed Martin. 304-641-3394 or bkvw2@aol.com

2016 West Virginia II, Friday, December 16th, 2016, West Virginia II chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Meeting at 5:30 PM and Party right after the meeting. Ballroom A.

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

Drawing

Drawing at July 2016 meeting was for \$5.00. Brother James Enoch was not present so at the next meeting which will be August 11, 2016 the prize will be \$10.00.

August Meeting Locations

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