



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



July 2020 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Due to the Covid 19 we do not know if we will have an August meeting at the Clubhouse or another Zoom video. It will be on Thursday, August 13th, 2020 at 7 PM. As soon as I know I will send out emails and post it on the Facebook Group page.

Just to let everyone know that we have completed or payments on the donation to the Mother's Day Shrine Church to help with the stained window restoration. We did one of our largest donations and the was \$1,500.00 every quarter for the year. That was a total of \$6,000.00.

We also gave a donation to the Clarksburg Police Dept to help with their K9 program.

The clubhouse is open and we are doing well. We had our best month ever. Our staff is doing a great job and keeping the clubhouse clean.

Don't forget that our 2020 Cash Bash that was to be held in the spring has been pushed back to Saturday, September 26, 2020. We still have about 10 tickets that need sold. We will have the drawing do matter what the status of this Covid 19. We will do the drawing from someplace safe and posting the information on the Facebook group page and email.

Just want everyone the 2020 Fall Mason Dixon Conference to be hosted by Virginia II in Culpeper, VA, has been cancelled due to the Covid 19. If you had room reservations, they are going to roll them over to 2021. It seems that just about every event has be cancelled or postponed for this year.

Ok, we are waiting for some members to set up some chapter rides. So, get one set up and email me the information so I can post it and email it to all the members.

Ride with Pride

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

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Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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Hope this finds all my Brothers and Sisters and their family in good health and spirits? Missing all of you. Kelli and I were SO hoping for Culpeper just to relax and see the membership of the Mason Dixon Chapters. Guess that's not going to happen. We just go to work, and try to get through this. Hope to see all of you soon. Hope to get my Thursday Friday off in 11 days.

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

First Things First

A life DOES depend on it

By: James R. Davis

You are trained and competent at both CPR and First Aid and you come upon a scene that obviously requires you to perform one or both of these services. What is the FIRST thing that you should do?

At a recent monthly meeting of the Houston chapter of the Lone Star Ladies there was a discussion of this topic that left me very uncomfortable. The reason for this is that I heard suggestions that ranged from "Start CPR immediately" to "Make sure the victim can breathe." I, on the other hand, suggested that the very first thing that should be done is to arrange to have 911 called.

The members unanimously found fault with that suggestion.

While I understand their desire and goodwill in the matter, I think it is important to think this through a little more carefully than we all did at that meeting.

Recall that the premise is that it's obvious that either CPR or First Aid services are required. In other words, I'm not suggesting that you have come upon a person sleeping at the side of the road who happens to look like s/he might need your help. Instead, you happen upon a scene in which there is obvious major trauma to someone.

Let's say that you discover that the person's heart is not beating. Traditional thinking has it that you must start CPR immediately! The logic is that failure to do so could very well allow the victim to die needlessly - oxygenated blood is not getting to the victim's brain!

While that is true, and even if you are fully trained and qualified to administer both CPR and First Aid, it seems to me that without trained EMS help along with transportation and other life-supporting facilities to help you,

the odds are overwhelming that the victim will die anyway! Maybe five minutes later, maybe five hours later, but it will almost certainly happen. (Recall that if his heart has already stopped, he is already 'dead' and all you are trying to do with CPR is keep it from being a permanent status.)

It is a fact that most trauma cases require multiple **SIMULTANEOUS** EMS efforts. While you administer CPR, for example, you cannot also be stopping the loss of blood from an amputated leg!

If you are alone and not near a telephone, you have no alternative but to try to help the victim while waiting for someone else to show up who can summon help for you (assuming you decide to provide CPR at all.) But if you are close to a telephone then it is my opinion that the very first thing you should do is call 911. This will cost a brief delay in starting the victim's aid, but it increases the odds that the victim will ultimately survive substantially!

Consider: You are riding your bike and see an accident occur in front of you. You stop your bike to see if you can help. Did you pull over to the side of the road then put the kickstand down or did you just drop the bike to save time? You pulled out of the way of traffic and probably put the kickstand down as well! That cost very little time, but helped ensure that you would not become another victim of accident. That would obviously not help the first victim. So, even before a one-minute phone call to 911 you need to be sure that the scene is secure! Be sure it poses no immediate danger to you or others. **THEN**, make your call.

A one minute 911 phone call to get a trained and equipped EMS unit out to the scene costs one minute. If you spend ten minutes doing CPR before someone calls 911, that costs the victim **TEN MINUTES** of pure oxygen, pain killers, whole blood, and transportation to a hospital!

If there are more than one of you at the scene, the **FIRST** thing you should do, in my opinion, is insure that someone places a 911 call. No ifs, ands, or buts. If it turns out that 911 is not actually needed, you can always call them back and cancel the request. But you can never recover lost time for a major trauma victim. You are, after all, trying to save his/her life - you are trying to buy time. Why give time away unnecessarily?

There is a significant exception to the above: if the victim is a child whose heart has stopped beating or who has stopped breathing, then the child's chance of survival increases if you begin immediate life support - but this is a tough call.

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Ride with Pride,
Walter Knight

Road Captains

Control in A Turn

Is it Balance or Trust when leaned over?

By: James R. Davis

It seems to me that even the most experienced motorcyclists believe that their sense of balance is what allows them to maintain control of their bikes, particularly in a turn. I maintain that balance is almost an insignificant aspect of controlling a motorcycle.

Regardless of where you are sitting on your seat (or off it) you can cause the bike to turn in the direction you want it to go - indeed, counter-steering is steering input that tells the bike how far to lean and how fast to adopt

that posture and 'balance' is hardly a part of the equation.

The front-end design of your motorcycle allows the bike to exhibit self-correcting behaviors. Without any steering input whatever a bike that is moving faster than you can run will attempt to find vertical and drive in a straight line. When in a turn your only steering input is maintenance of pressure on the inside grip in order to continue (without any wobble at all) your course. The bike 'finds' the perfect balance point between centrifugal and gravity forces and you are merely along for the ride.

Indeed, any additional steering input from you is what accounts for 'going wide' or 'fighting' the bike. Shifting your weight to 'help' the turn invariably results in having to make additional adjustments and is fairly described as 'over-correcting.'

Rather than balance, I maintain, the proper input to support counter-steering is Trust. The only time that balance plays a significant part in the control of your motorcycle is when you are traveling at slow speeds (about as fast as you can walk.)

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Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John “Spot” McCloud

Chaplain’s Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

11JUN20 Inventory:

Coins 78, Hats: Solid 14, Mesh 12, Chapter Pins 80, Paracord bracelet 13, BK WVII Chapter Patch 104, Heaven 1 Patch (no trademark) 76, Big International BK Patch 3, Upper Rocker 8, Lower Rocker 7, Large Chapter Flag 1, BK Medium Patch 7, BK Small Patch 7, LE & MC set 10

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Joke for the Day

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business & the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."

MDC Safety Officer



When we are riding, we should always be looking. Looking

for other drivers that aren't paying attention, looking for animals that might cross our path, looking for road debris that could cause a hazard and many more things.

Even when we are stopped, we should be looking. Looking for anything that might hurt us. When I am stopped at a light (especially alone), I will activate my emergency flashers, tap the brake frequently or even put my hand in the air to draw attention to myself and my motorcycle.

As vehicles get closer behind me, I am in gear and positioned to move out of the way of a vehicle that is not stopping. I am in 1st gear, hands on my controls and ready to move quickly.

This is a good thing to practice. You can practice alone or with a group.

Put 4 traffic cones (or even water bottles) in a parking lot that would be about the size of a car, position yourself like you were behind the car at a light, look in your rear view mirror at the traffic approaching behind you, then leave that stopped position rapidly as if the car coming up behind you doesn't look like it's going to stop.

We do not want to be hit and do not want to be sandwiched between two cars.

Practice this maneuver alone and the practice with your rider.

Remember to always look for hazards, even behind you.

Ride Often, Ride Safe, Ride with Pride

Bud

MDC Safety Officer

Committee Reports/From Membership

NONE

UP COMING EVENTS

July

Blue Ride, Sunday, July 26, 2020; Hosted by PA XVI. Registration will be at North Strabane Twp. Volunteer Fire Department on Rt19 Canonsburg PA from 9am to 11 am, and we will depart promptly at 11:30. **As of July 18th this event is still a go.**

August

August 16, 2020: Blue Knights West Virginia II chapter ride to Quinet's Restaurant, New Martinsville, WV.

2020 Summer GLRC Conference: Erie, PA, August 21 – 22, 2020, Hosted by PA XVIII. [The Bel-Aire - Clarion Hotel and Conference](#), 2800 W. 8th St., Erie, PA 16506. 814-833-1116. Overflow Hotel: Comfort Inn, Presque Isle, 3041 W. 12th St. Erie, PA 16505. 814-498-5848. Registration: \$70.00 before December 31, 2019. Early registrations placed in Friday night drawing. Rooms: Start at \$109.00 booked prior to July 31, 2020. Rooms booked after July 31, 2020 at regular rate \$189.00.

September

2020 NWRC: Sept 10 – 13, 2020, Hosted by NE I & SD I, (Hot Springs, SD). Host location is the Mueller Center, 801 S 6th St, Hot Spring, SD 57747. 605-745-3446. Registration is \$85.00 per person up to August 1, 2020. After August 1 cost goes up to \$90.00 per person

Registration form will be posted at a later date. There will be numerous rides that you should sign up for so they have a head count for each There will be a bus ride to the Lighting Ceremony at Mount Rushmore (There will likely be a charge for this bus ride to help cover part of the cost of the buses).

2020 Patriot Ride, Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 10.00 AM. Location is the Mountaineer Military Museum, 345 Center Ave, Weston, WV 26452. The Patriot Ride was formed and will be scheduled to the Saturday closest September 11th every year, a remembrance of a dark hour in our history that revealed the American Spirit to not let fear overwhelm us. Kick stands up at noon, ride to the WV VA nursing home for a stop to honor our Veterans there, and return for after ride food and festivities. \$15 per person. Ride T-Shirts will be available on first come basis. All money raised goes to support the Mountaineer Military Museum.

facebook.com/events/2466455263434569/

October

2020 Tri-State Conference: Oct 9 – 12, 2020. Location to be determined.

November

Harrison County Toy Run: November 29, 2020 at South Harrison High School, Lost Creek, WV Lineup before 12:30 pm. Kickstands up at 1 PM.

December

2020 West Virginia II, Friday, December 11th, 2020, 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 Mike Neely's wife Gloria is recovering from surgery.

Drawing: No drawing because we had a virtual meeting. Next drawing will be \$5.00.

Roll Call: **Members in attendance on Zoom:** Ed Martin, Lou Stevens, and William Kacinec.

In Person: Fred LePera, Terry Queen, Don Wikert, Mike Neely, Jim Enoch, Ron Watson, Rexann Martin, and Zadah Talkington.

Next Meeting Location

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