



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



March 2015 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

We have had some members wanting to change our meetings to a Saturday or Sunday. Meet someplace in the morning and then do a chapter ride. Anyone else got some ideas?

We are less than 3 months from WWK so please get out to your vendors, dealers and/or friends and get those door prizes. Just want to remind everyone that this year is an International Election year. You will be receiving ballots in the mail in the future. Please do not just throw them away. I ask you to vote for one of the candidates. Put and mark by the name you vote for even if they are unopposed there must be a mark or the vote does not count. If you do not know any of the candidates you can check on the International Website for their background. Also you can read the WV State Reps Report about who the Mason Dixon Conference Board and chapter presidents voted to endorse for the election. You could just follow their advised. It is up to you but please vote and send your ballots back in.

Rick Eve and John "Spot" McCloud are having a maintenance day on March 28th. Check out more information

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, April 9th, 2015, at 19:00 hours, at C.J. Maggie's, 309 Davis Ave, Elkins, WV. It looks as if we have lost several members for 2015. We have gone from 64 members down to 58 members. Some have sold their rides for one reason or another and a few just do not have the time to participate like they feel that they should. Whatever the reason, I hope that in the future they will get another ride and join back with us. I want to also ask each member to please pass out information at work letting all your coworkers about the Blue Knights. Also have an application with you when talking with coworkers; you never know when you will need one.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

Richard & Bridget Swisher

SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, April 9th, 2015, at 19:00 hours, at C.J. Maggie's, 309 Davis Ave, Elkins, WV.

We need all of our members to let others know when you go for a ride. We should be riding as much as possible.

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

Remember that all of our members that are planning to attend Wild and Wonderful we still need them to fill out a registration form.

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

Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer

ROLL CALL

Members at the March 12th, 2015 Meeting:

Doug Baker, Lewis Stevens, Randy Biggins, Eugene Botting, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, John Mc Cloud, Marshall Parker, Cathy Conners, DW Conners, Rick Eve, Bill Bradley, Richard Swisher, Bobby Ryan, Greg Hoskins, Marty McNulty

Chapter Safety Officer Getting Pulled Over | Talk It Out | Street Savvy

By Marc Cook

You didn't see The Law heading the other direction at light speed until it was too late. But The Law has seen you. A tap of the brakes, a quick trip across the median and he's on the way to have a nice little roadside chat with you. Wonderful.

You know you're going to have a conversation, and you probably already know exactly why you're going to have it. So the burning question is: Can you do anything to get out of a ticket? Are there any surefire ways to get let off with a warning instead of a piece of paper?

No. At least nothing that will absolutely, positively work every time. But there are tactics you should use in every encounter with police or the highway patrol to aid your chances.

Be calm. Acknowledge the fact that you're being pulled over with a wave if you're being followed and by nodding should the officer come up beside you. Smooth, easy movements; just let him know that you know your next destination is the side of the road. On that note, pick a safe spot where the bike won't get mired in sand and where he has sufficient room to park the cruiser. If you've been tagged by a motor officer, provide him room and a reasonable surface to stop his bike.

The next minute is critical. Stop the bike, turn off the ignition, set the bike on the sidestand and slowly get off the bike. Stand on the side of the bike away from the road and open your helmet visor. Keep your hands in view. What you're doing is assuring the officer that you're not going to run, or produce a weapon from your jacket or luggage and cause him physical harm. Your sole goal at this point is to put the officer at ease.

Cook utilizes respectful behavior, proper gear and a fair share of gray hair to talk an of

Don't talk. The officer will begin the conversation, usually asking for license and registration, though sometimes you may be asked to remove your helmet before you get to that stage. Again, do it slowly. Before going for the license, tell him where it is before you reach for it. "Yes, sir. It's in my wallet, back pocket." After handing over your license, let him know where the registration and insurance paperwork is. Produce it with a minimum of fuss; a big portion of getting through the next few minutes with the benefit of the doubt is to have all your paperwork in order. If you're riding on an expired license or registration, don't have a motorcycle endorsement, or can't find your insurance paperwork (for states with compulsory insurance), you're most of the way to getting some kind of ticket, if only because you seem to say, "I don't care about the law."

"Yes, sir" and "No, sir" like crazy. Confrontational behavior will only be met with more of the same. Do not admit to any speed. Sometimes, that "how fast do you think you were going?" question is a fishing expedition. Don't bite. Worst of all is flat-out lying. If you've been doing 80 mph, don't try to say you were going 60. Traffic officers pride themselves on being able to judge speed at a glance, and the best ones can guess within 2-3 mph of actual. You are not going to win that argument.

Show remorse. Unless the officer has retreated to his heated/air-conditioned car to write the ticket, stand there and apologize for your stupidity. If he says you were going 80, the best thing you can say is, "Geez, that seems kinda dumb, huh?" Answer his questions in a forthright way, succinctly. Then stop talking. A pause in the conversation as he stands there with your license in hand, looking over you and your motorcycle means he is probably thinking about letting you off. Don't change his mind by saying something dumb. No doughnut jokes, ever.

This is human nature in action. If you seem reasonable and sincere, and don't act like the kind of fool who would serially run triple digits in a school zone, you stand a decent chance of getting a warning. Proper, complete gear, a bike that's not the latest 190-horsepower beast and a bit of gray hair are also helpful. And if you do get a ticket, hold your argument for court. No whining to the cop.

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

MDC Safety Officer

STARTING THIS YEAR RIDING

MASON DIXON SAFETY ARTICLE MARCH 2015

As always I only make suggestions in my safety articles. Some of us ride all year and others will have to take the covers off the bikes and wipe the dust and cob webs off. Before you roll your motorcycle out of the garage or shed and ride down your road there are a few things you should do.

Everybody knows what a T-Clock is. Perform that on your bike. Repair or replace anything that you find wrong. The next thing I would suggest for you to do is change the oil if your bike has been sitting all winter. The oil will draw moisture into it while sitting for a long time. Next is to drain your gas out of your tank and replace it.

The next will be you the rider. If you haven't been on your bike for several months you should start by checking your riding gear and helmet for wear or defects. Your first ride should be a short ride. It will get you use to being back in the saddle. I know they say once you can ride bicycle you never forget. Riding a motorcycle in traffic and winding mountain roads are a completely different world. If you haven't taken a safety course for a few years or have never taken one you should. We all develop bad habits and this is a way to get rid of them. It will also hone your riding skills.

Last suggestion, if you plan on doing some very long rides you should start out on a short ride and ride longer ones each time you ride. If you plan on going cross country this is very important to be fit and also have your bike in excellent shape.

Up-Coming Events

These are rides I plan going on this year. If you want to ride it let me know.

March 28, 2015	Maintenance Day	BK WV-2	Clarksburg, WV
May 21, 2015	Meet with two other WV Blue Knight Chapters in Elkins, WV		
May 22, 2015	Spring Conference	BK VA-5	Chesapeake, VA.
June 12, 2015	Wild & Wonderful	BK WV-2	Canaan, WV
June 20, 2015	Make a Wish Poker Run	BK WV-5	Martinsburg, WV
July 26, 2015	Blue Ride	BK PA-16	Washington, PA
Aug. 15, 2015	Bike Night	BK WV-5	Martinsburg, WV
Sept. 4, 2015	Fall Conference	BK VA-2	Culpeper, WV
Sept. 25, 2015	Pigs on Beach	BK MD-5	Ocean City, MD
Oct. 17, 2015	Toy Run	BK VA-13	Danville, VA.
Nov. 7, 2015	Toy Run	BK VA-3	Richmond, VA
Nov. 8, 2015	Toy Run	BK Del-1	Wilmington, Del.

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Road Captains

Riding in Wet Weather

Some lessons learned

By: James R. Davis

Virtually every touring motorcycle rider both expects and experiences some rain while out on the road. It is generally true that if it is raining before you start riding you will postpone that ride segment, but once on the road that choice is no longer available.

My riding partner (Cash) and I just completed an eight day tour and seven of those days were glorious, but for one full day we experienced rain or drizzle, at high altitude, and in severe coldness. Here are the lessons we learned during that one day.

- When it is drizzling (no depth of standing water on the roadway) we were perfectly happy to ride at or near speed limits. Though often posted at 75 MPH, we tended to ride at from 65 to 70 MPH in these conditions. Traction was NOT a problem, but visibility often was.
- When you are riding at 65 MPH and an 18-wheeler is doing 65+ MPH in the opposite direction with light rain, you can be sure that that 18-wheeler is kicking up a MAJOR rooster-tail. That wall of water is approaching you at 130 MPH!!!! When you hit it your visibility will be reduced to ZERO and stay that way for about 5 seconds. The water on your windshield will NOT be merely on the outside - it will also cover the inside of your windshield!
- That same 18-wheeler when passing is going to do more than drop your visibility to zero. That 130 MPH mass of turbulence that you run into WILL abruptly slow your bike down! Indeed, your bike will lose a few MPH instantly, but *YOU* will not - and your body will abruptly move forward relative to your bike as a result!!! Then, just as abruptly, it will move back to its normal position relative to the bike. DO NOT FREAK OUT - EXPECT IT AND SIMPLY RIDE IT OUT.
- Because rain and drizzle (and MUD) will collect on your windshield, and on your face shield, (and possibly on your glasses as well) you will not be able to see through those layers of water. So, you MUST look over your windshield until conditions change. If the windshield is positioned properly you need only 'stretch' your back/neck to do that, but that effort is very taxing and you will find that you cannot do it for more than perhaps an hour before you must either stop or do something else to help you see. What else? STANDING ON YOUR PEGS!! Cash and I rode for about 20 miles standing on our pegs in order to see on that day.
- You might be tempted to partially stand on those pegs (lifting your butt off the seat a few inches.) That will result in upper thigh cramps in about 10 minutes. You must actually stand on those pegs and lean forward if you need to keep going - locked knees will save your thighs.
- We are both now totally convinced that people who opt for extra long windshields have no idea how disastrous that can be to their ability to see in the rain as the extra tall ones, because they come well back over the rider's head, CANNOT be seen over by standing on the pegs - they are in the way.
- Altitude and cold are synonymous. If it's raining and cold then if your direction is to a higher elevation you are best advised to STOP for the night. If your direction is to a lower elevation you are probably best off continuing to a lower elevation. We were going DOWN from about 8,000 feet when we encountered severe cold drizzle as the cloud layer descended upon us. Had we stopped we could have been there for DAYS until it cleared up but after about 100 miles we were out of trouble and able to complete another 300 miles without much trouble.
- No matter how well clothed you are, no matter how many layers, if your hands get too cold you will not be able to safely handle your motorcycle. Your fingers will not be able to squeeze the brake or clutch levers effectively or with subtlety. You MUST keep your hands warm to handle a motorcycle safely. Glove liners as your first layer, rubber (surgical) gloves as your second layer, and finally your gloves make what would otherwise be impossible tolerable.
- Keeping your CHEST warm will greatly help in keeping your hands warm!!!! Your body protects its chest cavity (core) by restricting circulation from your extremities (hands and feet) so keeping your chest warm is a MAJOR AID in cold weather, not just from a comfort point of view.
- Cramps (remember upper thighs from partially standing on the pegs?) can be eliminated almost instantly by the consumption of GATORADE!!!! We always carry water and now, when riding in cold weather or high altitudes, we also carry some GATORADE.

- You cannot count on gasoline always being available when you need it while out on a tour. We planned our routes with that in mind but even so there was at least one instance when the small town we had expected to find gas in turned out to be 'closed' or out of gas. We carry a spare 2 gallons of gasoline on our tours for that reason. We mount that gas can on a passenger peg in order to keep it from causing damage to clothing or other things in our luggage. We mount an ice chest on the other passenger peg to even out the load. NOTE: that extra gasoline may not be needed by you but if you are 50 miles away from the next station and find a fellow motorcyclist stranded on the road it could save his life!
- You should always carry a set of rain gear with you even if you don't or won't ride in the rain! It was so cold coming down from the high altitude of Colorado Springs that Cash was forced to wear at least the pants of her rain gear (over everything else) in order to keep her legs warm - it worked wonderfully for her!
- But the rain gear does not keep your feet warm. Cash also had rubber 'totes' with her and put them on over her boots to do that.

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

From Membership

~2015 Maintenance Day~

Spot and I (Rick Eve) are going to host a **Maintenance Day** for the upcoming riding season for the chapter. Should you chose to attend you will be able to give your bike a check-up, change your fluids, detail your bike, add something to your bike that you need the help of others, etc...

Basic tools, an air compressor, and water will be provided for washing and detailing. John will be bringing his bike lift should someone need it. If you want to change your oil I will take care of the used oil. I have a concrete pad to work on the bikes and it should be able to get the bikes rotated through rather easily. The grill will be at the ready and I will more than happy to fire up and grill some hot dogs and hamburgers for the day. We can work out the particulars in the March meeting.

If you want to participate, bring your cleaning supplies, oil, etc... to get your bike ready for the season. Bring any special tools you may need just keep in mind that this is pre-season checkup of your bike and not an overhaul.

Weather permitting we will do get together on Saturday March 28th starting at 11:00AM and close up later in the day when the work is done. You don't have to be there at 11:00AM that's just a start time so stopping by later in the day is also good. I will fire the grill up at 1:00PM if we chose to enjoy a lunch. Should there be bad weather, we will have a rain date of the following weekend at the same time on April 4th.

Directions to my home are:

US50 to Wilsonburg Road (New BFS Store is there)

Turn right at Stop Sign

Turn Left onto Old US50/Wilsonburg Road towards the 7-Eleven/BP Store

Follow old US50 for 1.8 miles and turn right onto Sardis Katy Lick Road

Follow Sardis Katy Lick Road 1.5 miles and watch for BKWVII Sign on mailbox

Turn Right onto gravel driveway

For the GPS folks:

39.308255, -80.438965

Rick Eve

In January I posted in the newsletter that I had found the LE MC patches we were looking for at Alabama VIII. It's taken over a month, but they arrived today. They are a very good quality. They are \$6.00 per set plus \$4.00 shipping for a total of \$10.00. The point of contact is Jay Loring, 205-631-3104. E Mail is rude115@yahoo.com. He accepts, check, money order, as well as a credit card. Please note that the company that makes them is owned by Jay's family, ergo the money goes to the good of a brother, and not some corporation which may well support 1% clubs.

It took so long to get them that I ordered a second set from Arizona Biker Leathers through E Bay They were \$9.98 with free shipping. They are of a bit less quality. They are square and not rectangular, and the edges are not overstitched – but they are adequate. Please see the photo which follows – (the power was out when I took the photos, which is why it was done under flashlight.)

Note the white around the edges of the square patches, not in evidence on the rectangular ones.

The lettering on both is excellent, and the same color blue. Bold, well stitched.

So we're talking basically the same price. If you don't mind waiting a bit for them, but want some decent quality, AND have the money go to a brother, opt for Alabama VIII.

If you need them in a week or so, and don't mind the square ones with a white edge (blue sharpie?) then go for Arizona Biker Leathers.

I used the rectangular ones, and if none of our members wants the square ones, I'll use them as one of the prizes @ Canaan.

Complaint for both – they're too damned white! I don't know who thought up the wool that our colors are made of, but they pick up every bit of dirt in the air, and become dingy fast. (I didn't notice it until I held these patches up to them.)



Gene Botting

I will bring Florida caned air for all to see, nice and warm, no snow, lots of sunshine.

Fred LePera

A Marine Corps story; and we all know that Marines never exaggerate!

A large group of Isis fighters in Iraq are moving down a road when they hear a voice call from behind a sand dune: "One Marine is better than ten Isis fighters". The Isis commander quickly orders 10 of best men over the dune where a gun battle breaks out and continues for a few minutes, then silence.

The voice once again calls out: "One Marine is better than one hundred Isis 'S.O.B.'s". Furious, the Isis commander sends his next best 100 troops over the dune and instantly a huge gun fight commences. After 10 minutes of battle, again silence.

The voice calls out again: "One Marine is better than a thousand Isis fighters." The enraged Isis commander musters 1,000 fighters and sends them to the other side of the dune. Rifle fire, machine guns, grenades, rockets and cannon fire ring out as a terrible battle is fought Then silence.

Eventually, one badly wounded Isis fighter crawls back over the dune and with his dying words tells his commander, "Don't send any more men ... it's a trap. There are two of them."

UP COMING EVENTS

2015 Spring MDC Conference, Chesapeake, VA, May 22 – 24, 2015. Hosted by VA V, Chesapeake Marriott, 725 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320. 757-523-1500. Rooms are \$94.00 per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Contact “Spike” Johnson 757-418-1935 or spike102@verizon.net. Event is \$79.00 per person or \$150.00 per couple.

2015 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV. Hosted by West Virginia II. June 12, 13 & 14. 2015. FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL: CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, CALL 1-304-866-4121; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE BLUE KNIGHTS, Online registration go to www.canaanresort.com Group ID #15363, Password 40. To be guaranteed a room at the discount rate you must contact Canaan Valley Resort before May 1, 2015. CABINS AND CAMPSITES ALSO AVAILABLE. Rooms \$85.00 per night for standard and \$95.00 for Junior Suites.

2015 International Convention, July 19-24, 2015. Reno, Nevada. Hosted by Nevada II. Host Hotel: El Dorado Resort Casino, 345 N. Virginia St, Reno, NV 89501. Telephone 1-775-786-5700. More Info to come.

2015 Martinsburg Bike Night, August 15th, 2015; Martinsburg, WV, hosted by West Virginia V. More info to come.

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

Drawing

Drawing at this meeting was for \$20.00, and the name that was drawn was Danny Shaw. Since he was not there, that means that the April 2015 meeting will be worth \$25.00.

Month Meeting Locations

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, April 9th, 2015, at 19:00 hours, at C.J. Maggie's, 309 Davis Ave, Elkins, WV.

2015

WILD AND WONDERFUL KNIGHTS Blue Knights West Virginia II

PLEASE COPY

\$75.00 PER PERSON PRE-REGISTRATION

After May 1st, 2015 Registration is \$90.00 Per Person

June 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2015

CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, DAVIS, WV

NAME: _____ Age: _____ Miles to Event on Motorcycle: _____
 CO-RIDER: _____ Age: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 PHONE: _____ Chapter: _____

PRE-ORDER T-SHIRTS \$15.00 EACH: # _____ SIZES: _____ # _____ SIZES: _____

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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 CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, AND TO RELEASE THE BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC., WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER II, AND CANAAN VALLEY RESORT, FROM LIABILITY. The participant, shall indemnify, hold harmless, and release from any and all liability, the Canaan Valley Resort, its Agents, Officers, Directors, and Employees, and/or the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., its Conferences, Chapters, Officers, Directors, Members, Agents and Employees from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the participation in, **BLUE KNIGHTS WEST VIRGINIA II, EVENT ON JUNE 12th, 13th, & 14th, 2015**, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense (a) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom, and (b) is caused in whole or part by any negligent act or omission of the Canaan Valley Resort, its Agents, Officers, Directors, or Employees and/or the Blue Knights International Motorcycle Club, Inc., its Conferences, Chapters, Officers, Directors, Members, Agents or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or anyone whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by party indemnified and/or released from liability.

SIGNATURES: _____ DATE: _____

Co-Rider: _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ participants.

If you want to 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, 2015.*

To be guaranteed a room at the discount rate you must contact **Canaan Valley Resort** directly at **(1-304-866-4121)** before **May 1, 2015**. They have blocked off rooms, when you call mention **Blue Knights Group ID #15363, Password 40**. The room prices are \$85.00 plus taxes & fees for standard room; and \$95.00 plus taxes & fees for junior suites. Cabins & Campsites also available. Confirmation on registration will be sent if requested.

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 13th, 2015.



Blue Knights Mason Dixon Spring Conference Chesapeake, VA. May 22 - 24, 2015

Chesapeake Marriott

725 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA. 23320

Blue Knight rate \$94.00 per night (plus tax)

757-523-1500

\$79.00 person/\$150.00 couple *(Before May 1st)*

ADD \$10.00 after May 1st

Children (7—13) \$45.00/under 7 free

Registration includes:

- Friday Night Dinner
- 2 Breakfast buffets
- Saturday "Seafood Fest"
- Virginia V's "Traditional" hospitality room
- Music & Entertainment
- Guided & Self Guided Rides
- Conference Pin

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