



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



March 2017 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I would like to thank Vice President Hoskins for taking care of the February meeting. Sorry we missed it but we were at the 2017 Winter Mason Dixon Conference in North Carolina.

It is with a heavy heart that I must pass along this sad news. Brother James Boreing died Friday morning, February 10th, 2017 at his home. He had not felt well the last few days but didn't want to go to the doctor. His body was cremated. He was a Charter Member of West Virginia II. Please keep Margie, his wife, and family in your prayers.

I was notified by phone of Jim's passing while I was on the road returning home from the Mason Dixon Winter Conference that was held in Atlantic Beach, NC.

A few of our members attended the Memorial Service for Brother Boreing and it was a very nice service. The minister spoke of Jim & their friendship and about Jim's volunteer work. The VFW luncheon afterward was delicious. God bless those who prepared it. Please keep Margie in your prayers. R.I.P. Jim.

We would like to take this time and wish Brother Bill Sothen a very happy RETIREMENT from the Harrison County Sheriff's Dept. The membership voted on a few changes to the chapter bylaws and as soon as Brother McNulty gets everything typed up and ready, we will be emailing the new bylaws out to all of you.

Want to pass along information that Brother Don Wikerts', Brother William G. (Bill) Wikert pass away March 12, 2017. Please keep Don and his family in your prayers.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 13, 2017 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.

If you did not advise us that you were not renewing your dues by December 31, 2017 you are responsible for your 2017 dues, so please send them in now. I still have 5 members that have not sent in their 2017 dues.

Blue Knights West Virginia II, P.O. Box 174, Anmoore, WV 26323-0174.

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. 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.

Please get your registration in for 2017 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend as soon as you can. If you have not reserved your room you might want to call them and get your room. Please check the flyer for the reservation code.

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

Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer

ROLL CALL

February Meeting: Randy Biggins, Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Ron Watson, Eugene Botting, Curt Diaz, Del Parris, Walter Knight, Marshall Parker, Rexann Martin, and Ed Martin

New Member: William Longwell

Guest: Brandi Knight

Chapter Safety Officer

Riding season will soon be upon most of you, and with such, there are a few things to be mindful of when breaking out the two wheeled therapist. For some the bike may have been truly stored & winterized, which will make the beginning cycle a bit easier. Others simply park the bike & maybe look at it every so often. Then there are those of us that never really put them away. Regardless of which category you may fall into, take some time on one the yet to come colder days & spend a little time giving it the once over. Find yourself a chair or a 5 gallon bucket, get up close & personal.

Treat your steed to a thorough once-over. This includes a nut-and-bolt safety check, fluid changes for powertrain and brakes, a battery load test, and inspections of the chain/belt and sprockets, tires, spokes, brake pads, electrical systems, and fuel systems. None of this requires you to be an ASE certified Master Tech. Check out YouTube, Google, or folks with the same style of bike as yours for helpful pointers & step by step.

Take time to check your personal gear also. It's better to find out now that the holidays were a little too good to you than fighting with the zipper on your favorite riding jacket when you want to roll out on that early spring ride. Plastics degrade with time and use, so it's recommended to replace your helmet after five years. I would like to think you would then drape yourself in armored apparel and motorcycle-specific gloves and footwear. This doesn't mean becoming Captain Dork, but quality gear can enhance the enjoyment of the ride.

Above all else, when you do finally get out for a ride, remember that it's been a while since you've been on the bike. For some it may have been weeks-others months. There's going to be some rust & dust to knock off of the riding skills. Take your time & find your rhythm again. Take part in a skills workshop or find a parking lot to spend a little time practicing. Don't forget how the weather wreaks havoc on our riding surfaces. Cinders, salt, & potholes will abound as usual.

Whether disposing of miles in a group or burning the road solo, remember it's not always about the destination, enjoy the views, smells, & cob web clearing that our two wheeled passion affords us!

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

Road Captains

The weather is going crazy this year so if you are going to get the bike ready to ride please do your T-CLOCK and remember the debris that can still be on the road from the last snow treatment.

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

Chaplain's Corner

Lent is that season in the church year that recognizes our need to do a little soul-searching. Of course there are other times in our lives when we are prone to "take account of ourselves", such as during crises and occasionally when our spouse, children, or friends call attention to the fact our attitude or behavior is out of line.

While Lent is often thought of as a time to give up some bad habit, it may be a good time to review what we need to take up in the way of good habits. Am I doing anything to make my immediate world or surroundings a better place. If not, what can I do? Can I offer a kind word to someone? Can I take a neighbor to get groceries or for a doctor's visit? Do I sow seeds of discord or of peace?

One of my Lenten readings was from the Gospel of Luke. The disciples point out to Jesus that there is a large crowd and that he had preached past dinner time. They recommended he send them away to find food. Jesus said to the disciples, "You yourselves give them something to eat." This reminds me of my own tendency to ask God to help people when I am too busy or do not feel capable of helping them myself. We all have within us the ability to bring peace, a little joy, and some comfort and assistance to others. The disciples did, and what they did multiplied.

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII

Committee Reports

The bylaws committee worked on updating a few of the bylaws. The changes were sent to the executive board for approval and the membership voted on them and they changes were past.

From Membership

UP COMING EVENTS

2017 Spring MDC Conference, Memphis, TN, May 26 - 29, 2017. Hosted by TN I. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Memphis Airport, 2240 Democrat Road, Memphis, TN 38132, Telephone 901-332-1130. Room rate \$89.00 plus tax per night. Registration for the event is \$90.00 per person. Make checks payable to Blue Knights Tennessee 1 LE-MC, P.O. Box 172002, Memphis TN 38187-2022. Contact person James Malone, jemalone@fedex.com or 901-553-6999.

8th Annual Memorial Ride Officer Down, Hosted by North Carolina VIII, April 8th, 2017. Starts at Hometown Harley Davidson, 2300 Elaine's Way, Winterville, NC. Breakfast 0800-1030, Kick stands up at 11 AM. www.blueknightsncviii.com

7th Annual Home Grown Heroes/Fallen Officer Memorial Ride, Hosted by North Carolina XIII, Saturday, May 6, 2017. Sign in 9 AM, Ride starts 10:30 AM. Cumberland County Courthouse, 117 Dick Street, Fayetteville, NC.

2017 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. June 9, 10, & 11, 2017. 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 \$50.00 per person before April 1st, 2017, and \$75.00 after April 1st.

2017 International Convention, July 16-21, 2017. Milwaukee, WI. Hosted by WI VI. Host Hotel: Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 509 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Telephone 414-271-7250. Registration for event is \$135.00 per person, if registered before June 6, 2017, after that it will be \$155.00. Convention Website: <http://www.brewcityknights.com>. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/brewcityknights2017>. More Info to come.

2017 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, September 1 - 4, 2017. 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 41st Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823.

18th Annual Toy Run, Hosted by Virginia XIII, Danville, VA. October 21, 2017. Registration starts at 11 AM at Thunder Road Harley Davidson, 4870 Riverside Drive, Danville, VA

2017 West Virginia II, Friday, December 15th, 2017, 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:

Drawing

Drawing at March 9, 2017 meeting was for \$30.00. Brother Biggins was present so he won the money. At the April 13, 2017 meeting the prize will be \$5.00.

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The advertisement features a central image of a Blue Knights Visa Rewards Credit Card. The card is silver with a blue and white design, featuring the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club logo and the text "Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. with Rewards". The card is shown against a background of a red and white striped American flag. The overall design is clean and professional, with a blue and yellow color scheme.

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WILD AND WONDERFUL KNIGHTS
Blue Knights West Virginia II

WEST VIRGINIA 2 MEMBERS ONLY

\$50.00 PER PERSON PRE-REGISTRATION

June 9th, 10th, & 11th, 2017

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, ELKINS, WV

RIDER: PASSENGER: ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP: PHONE: CHAPTER: West Virginia 2

Please mail this form to: BLUE KNIGHTS WV II P.O. BOX 174 ANMOORE, WV 26323-0174

Payment: Registration \$50.00 Per Person Shirts \$15.00 Each Size Train Ride \$72.00 Each * See Below TOTAL

Ed Martin 304-622-0135 bkvw2@aol.com Marty McNulty 732-604-6006 marty.e.mculty@gmail.com

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 HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, AND TO RELEASE THE BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC., WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER II, AND HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, FROM LIABILITY.

SIGNATURES: Co-Rider: DATE:

If you want to pay for your 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, 2017.

To be guaranteed a room at the discount rate you must contact: HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, CALL 1-304-630-2266; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE BLUE KNIGHTS and the code is (BNG). There are a limited number of rooms. HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, 50 MARTIN STREET, ELKINS, WV 26241, IS LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN ELKINS NEAR THE TRAIN STATION.

Train ride is on the New Tygart Flyer Parlor Car, it is limited to 26 people and we must have 20 people for this group rate. Reservations for Train Ride must be received before May 1, 2017. You must make reservation for train with this registration. Go to www.mtn-rail.com for more information.

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 10th, 2017.

There will be a mandatory safety class at 20:00 hours (8 PM), Friday evening, June 9th, 2017 for West Virginia II members.

WEST VIRGINIA II

Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.

West Virginia II received its charter on August 21, 1987. We started at 10 members with five original members still remaining. The chapter members were from the Northern West Virginia area, which includes the counties of Harrison, Marion, Monongalia, and Preston. The departments were Clarksburg, Fairmont, Granville, and Salem Police Departments; Harrison, Marion, and Monongalia Sheriff's Departments; West Virginia Department of Transportation and Maryland State Police (retired). Most of our chapter members first joined the Blue Knights® with Pennsylvania Chapter I (Greensburg) starting in 1982 and continued until we were able to obtain enough members to get our own chapter chartered. We still have two charter members, Rex Talkington and Ed Martin.

Our address is Blue Knights® West Virginia II, P.O. Box 174, Anmoore, WV 26323-0174. Telephone 304-622-0135.
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Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of the Month. If you would like to attend one of our meeting please check the newsletter page and check under the secretary's notes for the time and place. We would be glad to have you with us for the evening.

Our membership is up to about 46 members with members in nearly every county in Northern West Virginia. Our membership covers a large area but all love to ride so the distance is not as great as one would think.

Anmoore is where we are chartered. Anmoore is located in the North Central part of West Virginia just South of Clarksburg. It is located just off of Interstate 79, Exit 117, just 2 miles South of U.S. RT. 50. If you are in the area please call and let us know if there is anything we can help you with. We are here to help our brother and sister knights in any way we can. If you are just stopping in the area for overnight contact us and we will try and make you motel stay and visit to our area more down to home. Our chapter host several events during the year and we have one (1) big event every June for Blue Knight members only, it is called Wild and Wonderful Knights Weekend.