



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I would like to see members come forth and be on some of the committees that we have in the chapter. We need your support to make things happen.

I want to advise all the members that our Bingo games are not doing as well as we would like. On Thursday's afternoons we are down to an average of 25 people and on Sunday evenings we are down to an average of 45 people playing. I am asking to you please tell everyone you know about our bingo games and try to get some of them to attend our games. Please put out the information about our bingo to all of the people you can, send out emails, text or just phone calls will help.

Our chapter Elimination Dinner/Drawing for Blue Knights COPSRUN was a big success. We sold all 250 tickets almost 2 weeks before the event. We had a great turn out Village Square Conference Center for the event and raised about \$1,800.00 for the Blue Knights Copsrun.

I am looking at trying to get a ride in late April up to Bemis, WV. A couple of guys will be grilling up some hamburgers and hot dogs for us. More information to come.

ALL ROOMS FOR AT HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS IN ELKINS, WV FOR 2019 WILD WONDERFUL KNIGHTS WEEKEND ARE SOLD OUT. Please keep calling just in case of a cancelation.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

I would like to thank all our members for getting their 2019 dues sent in. It looks as if we will have a total of 43 members starting this year. Than includes the honorary members.

If you talk to someone that would be a great addition to our BK WV II membership and that meet the requirements for membership, please 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.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 11th, 2019 it 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.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

If any members have any motorcycle/law enforcement memorabilia patches, pins, that we can put in the 3rd blue album I brought down please bring items in. The document protectors are slippery so items will need to be taped in so they don't slide. I would like to get a Blue Knights WVII sticker to attach to the front of each album.

To the Membership of the Blue Knights WVII I sincerely apologize for being unable to attend meetings. Family medical surgeries, my own medical issues with the V A, car being at Team Chevy in Ohio for days, and the in-climate weather for the distance had my 3 months out of was. Hopefully it's all behind me and I am back on track. I thank you all for your patience and allowing me to be a member of the Blue Knights WVII. Once again, my sincere apologies.

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Respectfully,

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 11th, 2019 it 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.

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

Our chapter was able to donate or sponsor several things in 2018 out of our bingo and raffle accounts. We were able to give away about \$10,000.00 to help the people in our communities.

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

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ROLL CALL

March Roll Call: James Enoch, Charles Luzader, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Rene Noe, Don Wikert, Fred LePera, Mike Neely, Lou Stevens, Doug Baker, Randy Biggins, Ron Watson, Robby Robinson, Robert Davis, Del Parris, Walter Knight and Marty McNulty present at the meeting.

Joining meeting online: Steve Hamling, Carmen Hamling, Dan Loughrie, (Donna), Wes Talbott III, Bobby Ryan, and Bill Rowe.

Guest members: Geri Mack, Cal Ennals, Rosemarie Foschia, Richard Aaron, Larry Bailey, John Bull, Pam McClaren, Richard Smith, Pat Fox, and John P.T. Gordon.

Guest: Brandi Knight, Becky Ryan, Erin Smith and Tai smith

Chapter Safety Officer

Synthetic Oils

Almost always better than petroleum based

By: James R. Davis

In almost all cases the use of synthetic oil (at least now) is better in your motorcycle than straight petroleum based oil. But not in all cases. Oil additives with Teflon® in them, for example, don't make any sense to me.

I guess some people might not understand that a good part of petroleum based oils are synthetics anyway (virtually all the additives). Thus, we already have some experience with synthetic lubricating fluids in our engines.

The principal drawback to the synthetics is that they are more expensive than straight petroleum based oils. But in exchange for that higher price you usually get your money's worth. Longer life before they have to be changed, more consistent performance regardless of temperature or engine RPM, better lubrication (more slippery), as well as all the functions of better oils with their additives.

But your oil does more than help pieces of metal slide/roll easier. It has the job of loosening and keeping in suspension sludge and varnish. It has the job of absorbing moisture to inhibit rust and to diminish corrosion. It has to have sufficient variability in viscosity to continue to do its job regardless of temperature changes. It has to be able to withstand shear forces as well as heat and pressure. And, not incidentally, they must not destroy seals while they work.

Generally, synthetics are made today that do all of this, and more, as well as or better than petroleum based oils.

Some synthetics were not as well designed in the past as they are today. Mobil-1, for example, used to eat seals, for example, but it no longer does.

Manufacturers recommend against using synthetics during your engine break-in period. This, because these oils are too slippery and normal break-in wear would not take place as quickly as without them.

Many of those manufacturers used to advise against mixing synthetics with regular oils until they found that they were denying themselves of much of their markets by doing so. Now these synthetics are made so that they can be mixed without any trouble (But I would recommend NOT doing so in any event.)

It is simply not very smart to put some brands of synthetic additives into a motorcycle - such as 'Slick 50'. First, because you run a wet clutch and this kind of synthetic could render your clutch quite inefficient and possibly useless, depending on how much of that product you use. (If not, there may well come a time when you elect to no longer use it and you may well find that your clutch has to be rebuilt just to get rid of what was in there.)

Second, because their claim of bonding Teflon® to metal cannot be true, and if the manufacturers of that product need to rely on false claims to sell their products, what else might they be saying that you are relying on?

Third, because Teflon® is a SOLID! Your oil filter is designed to get rid of solids. Teflon® greatly increases in size with high temperatures - so even if the microscopic sized particles will travel thru your filter to start with, there will come a time when you actually ride your bike and it warms up. Then there are all the other oil flow surfaces and oil passageways that will get smaller as a result of being coated with Teflon®. In any event, the next Tip will discuss additives containing Teflon® in detail.

In summary, I agree that virtually all the synthetic oils are better for your motorcycle than are regular petroleum based oils. They are more expensive, but probably worth the added cost. Your shifting will be easier, you can go longer between oil changes, and you should experience slightly less engine wear by using them.

[Not incidentally, you can expect about a 1% increase in engine power if you use synthetics.]

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Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

Road Captains

Remember that winter is not over and even with spring around the corner we can still be getting snow. That means that the Department of Highways will be treating the road and on the good day there will be debris on the roads. Also look out for the potholes in the road and all of the hillside slippages that we have had that have shifted the roadway.

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

Chaplain’s Corner

The season of Lent is not observed by all churches or Christians, and there is no Biblical reference to it. It is, however, a formal way of observing the Biblical admonition to repent, or change our ways. From the repentance of David over his affair with Bathsheba and the killing of her husband (see Psalm 51) to the central message of John the Baptist, the scriptures frequently call on us to examine our lives and to change our ways.

Certainly, repentance has to go further than giving up a beer one day a week or losing 5 pounds; we should be thinking, “how can I more adequately reflect the spirit of Christ?” This year I narrowed my Lenten goals to: giving up gossip and criticism and replacing them with words of affirmation and encouragement; to listening and observing periods of silence instead of talking and blasting my mind with the radio, TV, or other sources of annoying sounds. If I can be faithful to these goals, I will still be far from perfect, but I will have made some progress toward reflecting the spirit of Christ.

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Committee Reports

UP COMING EVENTS

2019 LAW RIDE 7 WREATH LAYING CEREMONY: May 12, 2019, Assembly location RFK Stadium/Armory Lot 3, 19th & East Capitol St, NE, Washington, DC. Assembly time 7AM; Departure time 9:15 AM. Wreath Laying Ceremony 9:45 – 13:45 AM.

2019 Spring MDC Conference, College Park, MD, May 24 - 26, 2019. Hosted by MD I, Holiday Inn, 1000 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD; 240-542-1226. Room rate \$109.00 plus tax per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights group). Registration for event is \$80.00 per person; after March 1, 2019 price is \$90.00 per person. Contact Fred Allen 703-494-4792 or sundrake@verizon.net. Please see flyer for more info.

2019 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Elkins, WV. June 7, 8, & 9, 2019. 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 GROUP and the Code is BLU, Rooms \$115.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$65.00 per person before May 1st, 2018, and \$80.00 after May 1st.

2019 Annual Blue Ride: Sunday, July 28th, 2019, (Rain or Shine) hosted by Blue Knight PA XVI and Washington Lodge #164 F & AM. Registration is at the North Strabane TWP. Volunteer Fire Dept. from 9 am to 11 am. The cost is \$25.00 single, \$35.00 double. Contact Dave Richards at 724-263-6218 or dave.richards114@comcast.net

2019 Summer Great Lakes Region Conference, August 2 –4, 2019 in Youngstown, Ohio. Host Hotel: Hampton Inn Youngstown-West I-80at State Route 46880 N. Canfield-Niles Road Youngstown, Ohio, 44515. 330-544-0660 Ask for the “Blue Knights Law Enforcement Rate” Room rates are \$95.00 per night. Standard 2 queen or a king. Rates start Thursday. Indoor pool, complimentary high-speed internet, 24-hour business center. Check in time is 2 PM. Hampton Inn has been remodeled this past year. Hotel serves a hot breakfast for its guests. Hotel is not pet friendly, sorry. Event registration to be \$60 per person.

2019 International Convention August 4 - 9, 2019; Hosted by Bronx NY II, The Hilton Westchester Hotel, 699 Westchester Ave, Rye Brook, New York, 10575. 914-939-6300 or 914-939-4760.

Convention Registration Information; Full Week Registration Prior to 3/31/19 \$150/Person (\$75 child). Full Week Registration After 4/1/19 \$180/Person (\$90 child). Convention Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/bkny2convention/home>

2019 Warren T. Holmes Memorial Crab Feast & Family Weekend, August 2-4, 2019. Hosted by Maryland I, THE **CRAB FEAST** IS ON SATURDAY, August 3, 2019!! Knight of Columbus 6111 Columbian Way, Bowie, MD (**INDOORS**) Doors open at 11:30 AM Crabs Served at Noon. Once again, the members of MARYLAND I invite you to the best event on the east coast. The food is good and the cost is reasonable. The HOSPITALITY is next to none! All proceeds go to charity. **ACTIVITIES** - Marine Corps Evening Parade (Friday), Washington MD Tour (Sat Evening), Skills Competition at Crab Feast and 50/50 (on going). **HOTEL** - Comfort Inn, Bowie, MD (301) 464-0089, rate is \$121.50 plus taxes, Incl. Sat & Sun hot breakfast. **REGISTRATION WEEKEND** - Registration fee of \$85 includes hospitality room Friday and Saturday, Marine Corps Parade, Tours, and Crab Feast, (Children under 12 yrs. \$55). **SATURDAY ONLY** - Pre-Registered Adults: \$60 (Children under 12 yrs. \$35). Tables at the Crab Feast may be reserved with pre-registration for groups of eight. NOTE: \$5.00 late fee applied to all registrations after July 1, 2018. Contact: 301-996-8288.

2019 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, August 30 – Sept 2, 2019. 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 43st Annual Blue Ridge Rally, with a “Knights Under the Big Top Theme”. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823 or VA2@blueknights.org.

2020 Winter MDC Conference, Danville, VA, February 14 – 16, 2020. Hosted by VA XIII, Comfort Inn & Suites, 100 Tower Drive, Danville, VA, 434-793-2000. \$85.00 plus tax per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Registration for event is \$85.00 per person. Contact Keith Johnson, va13@bluenights.org.

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

Drawing: The March 14, 2019 was worth \$5.00. Sister Rexann Martin won it again. The April 11th, 2019 drawing will be worth \$5.00

Next Meeting Location

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