



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## March 2020 Newsletter

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### ***PRESIDENT'S NOTES:***

**NOTICE:** As of right now the 2020 Spring Mason Dixon Conference for May 22-24, 2020 is still on. We are hoping that the Covid 19 situation will be under control by that time. Check back with us around April 22, 2020 for an update.

We have Cash Bash tickets for everyone to try and sell, please stop and see Donna and either purchase your ticket or please try and get a few tickets and sell them to a couple of your friends. I think everyone could sell at least 2 tickets.

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I want to remind everyone that if you and another member go for a ride together just to go for lunch, sightseeing or to work and back please let me know so I can get you marked down as doing a chapter ride.

Road Captains are still working and updating on the 2020 Rides & Events Schedule for the chapter. This schedule is in continuous progress. If you have information of any rides or events please send that information in so it can be added to the list. You will be getting emails of the schedule every month and there will be a hard copy at the meetings.

I am asking how many members we have that would like to take the Dinner Train out of Elkins sometime this summer? We are thinking about trying to get a group and do the evening dinner train ride out of Elkins in the Parlor Car which will cost about \$95.00 per person. it is a 4-hour ride from Elkins to High Falls and back. They will need to have at least 15 people for a group discount. We are not sure the time yet. If you have a preference please let us know. You can check it out at [www.mountainrailwv.com](http://www.mountainrailwv.com)

Ride With Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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## ***VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:***

I received the 2020 membership cards from International and I have mailed them to each member individually. If you have not received your card please contact me. I am still trying to get new members for our chapter but this is also what each and everyone of us should be doing. If you need some literature on the Blue Knights please contact me or President Ed Martin so we can get you the information.

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 9th, 2020** 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:***

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Respectfully,

**George D. "Robby" Robinson**

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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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**Marty McNulty**

## **Chapter Safety Officer**

### **After the Accident**

**Just because they're standing doesn't mean they aren't hurt**

**By: Clem Colman & Nick Marks**

You've just come round the bend and seen your riding partner take a serious slide, tumble or even impact. However, before you are able to stop your bike your friend is back on their feet and you breathe a sigh of relief.

There are a number of unobvious, but important things to remember in this situation.

- The casualty's body will be pumped full of adrenaline. It is quite possible that without this adrenaline they would not even be able to move. However, at the time their condition will be deceptive, as they will appear remarkably alert, strong, and healthy.
- Injuries are not always apparent. The casualty could be conscious and coherent, but still suffering from a number of dangerous and life-threatening injuries such as spinal damage, internal bleeding or even concussion.
- The casualty will be confused, and will not be able to make clear decisions.

Therefore, I would recommend the following for all but the most trivial of falls:

- Immobilize the casualty as quickly as possible to prevent aggravation of any spinal injury. If possible, place some sort of support collar around the rider's neck, and if they are still wearing their helmet do not remove it and do not let the casualty remove it.
- Send for an ambulance as quickly as possible, despite whatever pleas the casualty may make to the contrary. Do not call friends, relations etc. to give them a ride. An ambulance will provide the safest ride to hospital, particularly if there is any undetected spinal damage.

Dealing with a conscious patient is far more difficult than an unconscious one. If possible, it is probably best to have a person that the casualty trusts on hand to help strengthen your persuasiveness.

The casualty will most probably be worried about the state of their motorcycle. Remember that they are confused, and not thinking clearly. If manpower allows it, arrange for the bike to be stood up and taken care of as best as possible. When the casualty asks you about their motorcycle, give them an honest answer. The reason is simple, if they think you are lying, they will want to see it themselves.

Assure the casualty that their motorcycle will be alright, and if possible, ask them where they would like it taken. It is best to promise the casualty that you will get the bike to where they ask, even if you have no idea how this is going to be achieved. Your most important duty is to keep the casualty as still as possible until trained help arrives.

The reason I have written these things, is that at the time it may seem unnecessary to take these steps, but please remember that the casualty may be seriously injured, despite their ability to smile and joke about the fall. Furthermore, due to the adrenaline rush, they will probably feel quite well, and try to argue over the above recommended course of treatment.

All of these comments are based on a real life experience that I recently had, where the seemingly healthy casualty was in fact suffering from massive soft tissue damage, possible spinal damage and mild concussion as a result of a nearly fatal fall.

I was thinking clearly enough to force him to go to hospital to be checked out, but not clearly enough to realize that just because he was walking didn't actually mean he was more or less unhurt. As a result of this, I made him sit down, but didn't immobilize him as I should have, and arranged a ride in a private car as opposed to an ambulance.

I am happy to say that the possible spinal damage seems to have never occurred, and that my friend and riding companion seems to be recovering well from his very near brush with death.

Although my friend's bike was written off, I still call things like this free lessons, and thought that others out there might like to learn this one the easy way.

Clem Colman,  
Canberra, Australia.

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The following addition to this Tip was provided by Nick Marks, an EMT and volunteer firefighter who has worked many motorcycle accident scenes. - JRD

I have a couple of things to add to this one, based on my EMT training as well as my experiences doing on-track medical at motorcycle races (we deal with crashed riders mostly).

The part about not removing the helmet is critical unless you have had special training on how to do it properly (and it requires two people). But one thing to be prepared for is that riders that have crashed and gone under (unconscious) often are very claustrophobic when they wake up, and want their helmet removed NOW, especially if it is a full-face (they will fight you to get it off). Do not let them convince you to remove it unless there is a medical need to remove it. Keep in mind that anyone that has gone unconscious or has hit their head MUST be assumed to have cervical spine damage until proven otherwise at a hospital.

If a crashee is confused, this could be due to an altered mental status, possible due to the early signs of shock. I have actually seen an automobile crash where a driver was up and looking fine. We were able to convince him to go with us in the ambulance (we gave him the option of going with us or going with the deputy to jail). We were later told that he had massive internal bleeding and would have been dead within an hour had he not been taken to the hospital when he was.

The point is to look at what we call Mechanism of Injury. If a rider lowsides and does not flip, well and good. But if they highside, flip, or hit something, then they need to be seen by a doctor. Only an x-ray can really rule out spinal damage. The best way to get them to a doctor is by ambulance (not by you), because an ambulance has oxygen and other lifesaving equipment on board.

Nick Marks

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

**Ride with Pride,  
Walter Knight**

## **Road Captains**

### **Tire Pressure**

#### **More temperature sensitive than you might think**

By: James R. Davis

As we are now into the colder months of the year I thought it appropriate to post a reminder about tire pressures and the effect of temperature on same.

Stamped on the outside of many of your tires is a recommended tire pressure range. (At least an upper limit.) For longest tire life it is my recommendation that you strive to keep them at the higher limit of those recommendations (regardless of what your motorcycle owner's manual might say to the contrary.) Further, this pressure should be determined while the tires are cold - meaning, have not been used for a couple of hours.

Time and outside temperature effect the pressure within your tires. It is NORMAL for a tire to lose about 1 pound per square inch (psi) per month. Outside temperatures affect your tire pressure far more profoundly, however. A tire's pressure can change by 1 psi for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit of temperature change. As temperature goes, so goes pressure.

For example, if a tire is found to have 38 psi on an 80-degree mid-summer day, it could lose enough air to have an inflation pressure of 26 psi on a 20-degree day six months later. This represents a loss of 6 psi over six months and an additional loss of 6 psi due to the 60 degree temperature reduction.

At 26 psi, your tire is severely under inflated and dangerous!

There is nothing wrong with your tire if it behaves like this, of course. What is being illustrated here is that you MUST check your tire pressure on a regular basis (about once a week is reasonable) and to be particularly aware of it on cold days.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

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

## **Chaplain’s Corner**

**Del Parris, Chaplain  
Blue Knights WWII**

## **Quartermaster**

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## **MDC Safety Officer**

### **5 Reasons to take a Motorcycle Safety Class (Basic or Experienced)**

#### **A Safer Commute**

Whether you are riding your bike to work every day or just want to take a relaxing ride one afternoon, taking a safety course will make your commute safer.

#### **You might get a Discount on your Insurance**

Every State is different but you could get a discount on your insurance if you take a Motorcycle Safety Class. Check with your Insurance company to see if completing a motorcycle safety training course will save you some money.

## **You'll Learn How to Ride Defensively**

As a motorcyclist, you are one of the most vulnerable drivers on the road. Although highways are typically the most dangerous for motorcycles, any road can be considered hazardous for a motorcycle. When you take a motorcycle safety course, you will learn how to ride defensively (which is a must when sharing the road with others).

## **Keeping your Skills Sharp**

One of the many benefits to taking an Experienced Rider course is that it reminds you of what you may experience on the road. Some safety courses take place in a protected and controlled environment, but some use open highways and utilize Motor Officers that observe your riding and then give you good feedback on how to ride better..

## **You'll Be More Confident**

Some of the safest motorcyclists on the road are confident. One of the main purposes of a motorcycle training course, other than teaching riders about safety, is to make sure that all motorcyclists are confident. Being confident on the road will help you stay more calm in a stressful or dangerous situations. While some riders just want to ride because it makes them look cool, confidently and safely is the way we should all strive to ride.

**Ride Safe, Ride Often & Ride with Pride !**

**Bub Overby**  
**MDC Safety Officer**

## **Committee Reports**

### **CLUBHOUSE**

Brother Noe with the clubhouse committee has worked up the information for the clubhouse staff to receive a raise in pay. It is just a little more than the cost of living. It is a 2.3 % above 2019 salary. Motion was changed to a 3% COLA.

### **WWK/APRING MDC**

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## From Membership

Brother Ron Watson advised that the FOP Lodge #78 will be having a bus to Police Week on May 11, 2020. It will be a price of \$175.00, breakfast and supper will be provided, lunch is on your own. National FOP President Yost has advised that National Police Week has NOT BE CANCELLED!!

**Blue Knights West Virginia II chapter Lunch at Noon. The location will be Casey's Restaurant, 200 North Pike St, Anmoore, WV.**

## UP COMING EVENTS

**March 18, 2020:** Blue Knights West Virginia II chapter Lunch at Noon. Place to be announced.

**2020 SRC:** Kenner, LA, Hosted by LA II, March 12 – 15, 2020. Host hotel is the [Crowne Plaza New Orleans-Airport](#), 2829 Williams Blvd, Kenner, LA 70062, USA. More Information coming.

**2020 Spring GLRC Conference:** Canton, OH, March 20 – 22, 2020, Hosted by OH XVII & XXV. Registration: \$65.00 before March 1, 2020 \$70.00 USD after March 1, 2020. Kids under 12 free unless attending banquet at \$14.00. Holiday Inn, 4520 Everhard Road NW, Canton, OH 44718. 330-494-2770. Rooms: Start at \$109.00 USD (includes breakfast for 2).

### April

**2020 Chapter Cash Bash Drawing:** The chapter will hold their Cash Bash drawing at the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV on Saturday, **April 18th, 2020**. Drawings begin at 6 PM.

**2020 Rio Grande Conference:** April 30 – May 3, 2020, Hosted by TX ?. Embassy Suites by Hilton, Town Center Trail, Denton, TX 76021.

### May

**2020 Spring MDC & Wild & Wonderful Knights,** Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. May 22 – 24, 2020. There is a limit number of rooms, 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 \$125.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$85.00 per person before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and \$95.00 after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

### June

**2020 SWC & WCC Meeting:** June 3 – 7, 2020, Prescott, AZ, Hosted by AZ VI.

**2020 Northwest Conference:** June 4-7, 2020, Mulvane, KS hosted by KS V. Hotel is the Hampton Inn & Suites, 785 Kansas Star Dr, Mulvane, KS 67110.

**June 13, 2020:** Chapter Ride to Flight 93 (TBA)



**2020 International Convention:** June 21 – 26, 2020, IE I - Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland

**2020 First Annual Promise Ride:** June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, coming together for the Promise Ride, June 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 to benefit the Mountaineer Military Museum 345 Center Avenue Weston, West Virginia 26452. Ride sponsored by the Bikers for Christ, the Chrome Dragons Riding Club and the Forged Alliance Riding Club.

## July

**July 13, 2020:** Chapter Ride to Cass, WV.

**2020 Summer Bash:** July 22 – 26, 2020, Chesapeake, VA, Hosted by VA V. Delta by Marriott, 725 Woodlake Dr, Chesapeake, VA 23320. Room are \$109.00 per night and registration for event is \$109.00 per person.

**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.

**2020 MD I Crab Fest:** July 31 – Aug 2, 2020. Bowie, MD, Hosted by MD I. Comfort Inn Conference Center, 4500 Crain Hwy, Bowie, MD 20716, USA.

## 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 MDC Fall Conference,** Culpeper, VA, Sept 4 - 7, 2020. 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 44<sup>st</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823 or [VA2@blueknights.org](mailto:VA2@blueknights.org).

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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/](https://facebook.com/events/2466455263434569/)

## October

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

Sunday

## 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:** Robby Robinson & Kelli-Anne Rauch, Lou Stevens & Becky Green, Jane Watson, Tammy & Marty McNulty, Mike Neely's wife,

**Drawing:** The March drawing is \$15.00. Brother Don Wikert's name was drawn so he wins the \$15.00.  
April drawing will be \$5.00.

**March Roll Call:** Don Wikert, Fred LePera, Mike Neely, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Lou Stevens, Russ Swiger, Chuck Luzader, Jim Enoch, Del Parris, Ron Watson, T.R. Queen, Rene Noe and Walter Knight.

**Guest:** Zadah Talkington and Becky Green.

**Joining meeting online:** Andrew Menendez, George (Butch) Sinclair, Doug Baker, Steven Hamling, Bobby Ryan, Greg Hoskins, Scott Hunt, Andy Kolb, Carmen Hamling, Tammy McNulty, Kelli-anne Rauch, Larry Bailey, Diana Book, Bob Rhodes, Robert Reynold II, Chuckie Diaz, DJ Alarez, Jane Watson, Bridget Swisher.

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