



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



March 2018 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

We had about 14 members present for our March meeting. We went over a lot of information and donated to the Harrison/Taylor County 911 Center for National Telecommunicator Week, Rotary Leadership Program and Derek Hotsinpiller Scholarship 5 K Run. If you are planning on going to the Spring MDC Conference in May at Danville, VA, you will need to pre-register before our next meeting (April) so you will be in the drawing for registration reimbursement.

We are looking for some sponsors to help out with our 2018 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend. If you know of a business that will help please let me know. It doesn't matter if its \$100 or \$1,000 it all helps. I have a letter if you need one. Need all you members to help out here. I'm doing my best.

Also, it is time to start picking up the door prizes for the event. So, when you go to a store or vendor ask them if they would like to donate a door prize to our event.

I have a work schedule for the 2018 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend. Please get a copy and look it over. Please let him know what area you would work and hours. We don't need everyone to work the whole day, every day but a couple of hours is what is needed. Remember we are hosting this event, not attending it like you would if you were going to another chapter's event. So yes, you might miss something but that is what it takes to make the event a success. We know there are a few jobs that some don't want to work but these are jobs that still have to be done. I have heard in the past the following statement from members, "I don't know what to do". Or "I have never done that". I understand but I am sure since all of us are over the age of 21 we can figure out what to do to get the job done. Please help the chapter make this year at Elkins a big success. It takes everyone in the chapter to help to make this event a success. The biggest thing is to have a big smile on your face and make the members from other chapters welcome and to help them in any way we can. Our event is known as the best hospitality room and members with the most hospitality in the Mason Dixon Conference. Please let's keep this going at our venue this year.

Ride with Pride,

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 12th, 2018 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
I have been working on recruitment and here is a letter that I am putting out to police department with posters.

I have been working on obtaining new members for our organization. I want to share information with our brothers and sisters concerning the solicitation of new members. I have found that one of the most commonly asked questions is "What does the Blue Knights have to offer me?".

The way you answer this question could play an important part in obtaining a new member. The brochure that accompanies the Blue Knights application has a section that states the rewards of Knighthood are. This section contains great general information; however, I want to focus on Blue Knights West Virginia II and the activities that our local chapter has to offer.

The following is a list of events that might help to influence a potential new member.

- 1- Wild and Wonderful Knights Weekend Event that is held in Elkins, WV.
- 2- Our club's picnic for members and family.
- 3- Our Christmas Party for members, their family and most important the children.
- 4- Fun rides both short and long.
- 5- We also participate in several charitable events that helps our local communities.
- 6- Meeting other Blue Knight members at other chapter events.
- 7- Our chapter helps to promote a truly fun and safe environment for all our brothers, sisters and family members to enjoy.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

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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

ROLL CALL

March Meeting: Robby Robinson, Ethel Tyler, Charles Luzader, Jim Enoch, Rene Noe, Ron Watson, Fred LePera, Lewis Stevens, Walter Knight, Don Wikert, John "Spot" McCloud, Rex Talkington, Rexann Martin, and Ed Martin.

Guest: Mike Neely, Brandi Knight & Becky Green

Chapter Safety Officer

A Motorcycle First Aid Kit has Special Needs

An ordinary first aid kit just won't cut it. The types of common injuries that motorcyclists may experience need a special balance of first aid supplies. It is important to know the purpose of and how to use every item in your [motorcycle first aid/trauma kit](#)— otherwise it's just taking up valuable space.

Injuries a motorcycle rider might incur:

- [Burns](#) – [sunburn](#) and heat burns from exhaust pipes and other hot motorcycle parts.
- [Eye injuries](#) – things flying or blowing into the eyes and Insect bites or stings.
- [Cuts](#), abrasions and scrapes – usually from hitting the road (literally).
- Fractures, bleeding, possible amputation
- Trauma to the head, neck, spine, chest and abdomen (Box of Life).
- **Here's a [Motorcycle First Aid Kit Checklist](#):**
- A good compact first aid book or cheat sheet (ASM PACT Card).
- Nitrile gloves – No less than 2 pair – more is better!
- Anti-microbial Hand Cleaner – Waterless is preferred with at least 60% alcohol.
- Sting Relief & Burn Gel.
- Band-Aids: A variety of shapes and sizes for small cuts and scrapes. Antibiotic ointment packets
- Steri-strips or Butterfly bandages, Adhesive Sutures- used to pull a small gaping [cut](#) or wound together.
- Minimum 4 large (4×4) Sterile Gauze Pads – For Hint: paper towels in a zip-lock baggie can be used for clean-up – save the sterile dressings for when you need them!
- Rescue Breathing
- Emergency Blanket – For retaining body heat that can be used as a reflector for rain and ground cover.
- Normal sterile saline with a squirt tip for irrigating – this doubles as an [eye](#) wash or [wound cleansing](#).
- Instant Cold Pack(s) – They are single use so if you have space, grab a couple for your kit. The larger size works better.
- [Burn](#) cream or gel (some have lidocaine for pain)- Aloe Vera aids in healing, pain relief, has anti-inflammation properties.
- Glow Stick(s) – High intensity emergency glow stick for directing traffic or signaling for help. Consider Green, Yellow & Red so they can be used for triage!
- Heavy Duty Zip-lock Bags – Uses: disposal of used and contaminated gauze, gloves and dressings.
- Other medication – Pack the travel size or sample packets: Anti-diarrhea tablets, Anti-acid, Antihistamine (like Benadryl or Claritin), pain relievers, Electrolytes.
- Triangular Bandage – For [slings](#), padding, strapping limbs to splints when [fractures](#) are suspected.
- Trauma shears – 7 inch Paramedic Shear – smaller one's just don't cut it! You will need to be able to cut through leather.

You will not want to move a person to remove clothing – if there is [heavy bleeding](#) you will need to cut through the leathers & other clothing. Use caution as you are using the shears since they can cut through unintended items.

- 1 or 2 rolls of 2” or 3” roll gauze.
- Tweezers: Easy-to-grip handles for splinter removal and other first aid procedures.

Other things to consider when putting together a [Motorcycle First Aid Kit](#):

- Look for soft-sided waterproof zipper cases. Consider packing items in separate strong zip-lock bags. The reason is you will need to stuff all these items into a small bag -as mentioned above- it is very useful to use one bag for each 'type' of item such as gauze in one bag, medication in another and medical tools (scissors and tweezers) in another. Then when you pull out the items from the main bag they do not all tumble out onto the ground. This will not instill confidence in the person you might be helping.
- Become familiar with what is in your kit and inspect the contents routinely. Make sure your kit is not buried in a saddle bag & preferably is on the non-traffic (right) side of the bike. Consider adding a reflective red cross to indicate where your supplies are located.
- Because you may not have time to read a manual while trying to give first aid to an injured person or yourself, we recommend that you take an [Accident Scene Management \(ASM\) course](#) to learn what first aid challenges you may encounter and how to treat them. A 100 series ASM course teaches the basics of motorcycle trauma using the P.A.C.T. formula and ABCSS of Trauma to prioritize treatment. While this one-day course is geared toward the lay rescuer, it is great for the EMS worker as well. Helmet removal, moving the injured and jaw thrust rescue breathing are all part of this class that prepares you to respond to a trauma scene and apply basic first aid. For more information [about classes click here](#) and [Pre-packed Motorcycle First Aid Kits go to <http://www.rgcompound.com/>](#)

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

Road Captains

We are asking every member to please look over the hand signal flyer we had in the last newsletter and handed out at the March meeting. This will help with communication within the group. Remember that you may be the leader or the tail-gunner so it could help you to know what is going on within the group.

Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Rex Talkington, and John “Spot” McCloud

Chaplain’s Corner

As I struggle with the hectic pace of life today I often read and find help in this prayer by St. Therese, a nineteenth century French nun:

We give thanks today for places of simplicity and peace.

May we find such places in ourselves.

We give thanks for places of refuge and beauty.

May we find such places in ourselves.

We give thanks for places of acceptance and belonging.

May we find such places in ourselves.

May we begin to mend the outer world

According to the truth of our inner life.

Amen

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

Committee Reports

Picnic Committee

2018 West Virginia II Summer Picnic, will be Tuesday night, July 24, 2018 at the Lewis County Park, 257 Smith Run Rd, Weston, WV 26452. *Picnic starts at 6:30 PM until 9 PM.* Brother Hoskins has set this up. Brother Hoskins say to please make time on your calendars for this event and bring your family and friends with you for a great time with our motorcycle riding law enforcement family. We had an awesome turn out last year and enjoyed some good old back yard BBQ food. The kids and adults enjoyed the water slides and spacious pool area. There’s also other areas in the park to enjoy as well. I’m looking for even more members, family and friends to come this year. If you have suggestions or questions please feel free to contact me at gphoskins@aol.com. I would like to start a head count to prepare for the amount of food needed and to determine what individual will be bringing. Thanks in advance. Brother Greg Hoskins.

Membership Articles

Barring rain, flood, Communist Uprising or a hang nail, please find following the basic itinerary for the bike trip I am getting together for the 12th and 13th of May. (See the flier for rain dates.) I backed the trip up a week as it conflicted with some prior commitments of several on the folks that want to go. I'm hoping to accommodate as many as I can, but of course there will be some who still conflict. If you can attend, I'd love to see you there! If it's just Fred Chester and I, that'll be fine too. There's not going to be a great hurry on this thing, we're going to dawdle down and watch the scenery, and dawdle back and do the same thing...if you NEED the speed, get out front and see ya! There will be no head counts, so if somewhere along the trip you decide to jig instead of jag, please feel free to do so. The hotel listed isn't a requirement either – there are less expensive ones there in town. (I'd suggest using Kayak if you wish to

research rates – I used them all the time I was traveling back and forth from Afghanistan, and they're great.) However, these rooms go for \$168.00, 2 weekends later, and we're getting them for \$93, and the amenities look great. SO that's where I'll be perching. We'll be pulling off now and again for ablutions – and if anyone needs to stop, jump ahead, hit the blinker, and we'll follow you in... or not, your choice. If anyone has any recommendations for having lunch at someplace they know that's positioned right and is awesome, please speak up! As I say, this thing is loose. I mean, that's the idea, right? So, mark your calendar, get your reservations in, and let's have an awesome Spring ride!



Spring Ride, May 12th and 13th, Rain Dates June 2nd and 3rd.

- A - Meet at the K Mart parking lot on Emily Drive in Clarksburg May 12th.
Kielstands up @ 10AM, 29.3 miles on 50 to Snowbird Road.
- B - 2 miles on Snowbird Road to 18 South.
- C - 36.1 miles South on 18 to 47, 47 to 119 South to Glenville. Recommended lodging:
Quality Inn
540 N. Jefferson St.
Lewisburg, WV
1-304-645-7722
\$93 = tax per room
Mention that you
are with the
Legion Riders/Blue Knights
Spring Ride for this rate.
- D - 25.3 miles South on 119/33 to Arnoldsburg.
- E - 26.2 miles on 168/48 Ivydale Ridge Road, Duck, WV.
- F - 41.1 miles on 168/48/169 to Gauley Bridge WV
- G - 31.8 miles on 168, US 60/168/195/168 to Mt Hope WV
- H - 31.2 miles on 19S-N/41 N/44-4 to Meadow Bridge WV
- I - 34.2 miles on 44-4/20N/29/US60 to Lewisburg WV
- Overnight in Lewisburg
- J - Kielstands up @ 10AM, 68.7 miles on US219/66W/Snowshoe Drive to Snowshoe WV
- K - 9.9 miles on 66E to Cass WV
- L - 19.1 miles on 66E/28N/92N/240S/28N to Thornwood, WV
- M - 32.5 miles on 28N/33W/28N-55E to Seneca Rocks WV
- N - 22.1 miles on 28N/55E to Petersburg, WV
- O - 12.3 miles on 220N/Old WV 55 to to Moorefield WV
- P - 32.6 miles on Old WV 55/48 W/93E/42N/50E to Mt Storm WV
- Q - 53.2 miles on 50E to Gratons, WV
- R - 17.6 miles to point of origin.

UP COMING EVENTS

2018 Spring MDC Conference, Danville, VA, May 25 - 28, 2018. 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 434-429-2531 va13@bluenights.org.

2018 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Elkins, WV. June 8, 9, & 10, 2018. 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 \$65.00 per person before April 1st, 2018, and \$80.00 after April 1st.

2018 Blue Knights International Convention, July 15 – 20, 2018, Stone Mountain, Ga., 30083. Hosted by GA XVI, host hotel is the Atlanta Evergreen Marriott, 4021 Lakeview Dr. Stone Mountain, Ga 30083, (770) 879-9900. Room Rate: \$139.00/ single, \$156.00/ double occupancy, \$193.00/ triple occupancy, \$230.00/ quad occupancy plus taxes and hotel fees. Registration: \$120.00 / person full week basic, can be done with paper or on line! Visit their website for full details. Convention Website: <https://bkic2018.com/>

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2018 West Virginia II, Friday, December 14th, 2018, 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: The March 8th, 2018 was worth \$10.00. Brother Longwell's name was drawn and he was not present so the money for April 2018 drawing will be \$15.00.

Next Meeting Location

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West Virginia Motorcycle Roads

Welcome to Motorcycle Roads. US - your one-stop resource for great motorcycle roads™ in West Virginia. **Our mission**, as a service to the motorcycle community, is to provide a comprehensive listing of roads available from various Internet [resources](#) or contributed by motorcycle riders.

Roads are color coded by their primary characteristic: **Scenic**; **Sweeping Curves**; **Twisties**; and **Unpaved**. A **twisty** road is defined as one which has switchbacks or is 'left, right, left, right,' etc. An **unpaved** road is hard-packed gravel, but would be suitable for most road bikes. The code assigned is subjective and based on information from the Internet resource, Rand McNally Road Atlas, Microsoft® Streets & Trips, State highway maps, and motorcycle riders.

Each road has its own page which includes a map, rider comments, links to other resources, and a listing of connecting routes. However, you should visit the resources listed for more information such as road conditions, directions, tourist attractions, and safety precautions. Click on the road designation or name to view its page.

Roads are listed by geographical area. Preceding the route number or name is a small icon which indicates the general direction of the route. ↔ = e-w, ↑ = n-s, and O = loop. Many of the roads intersect or connect with each other. To plan your tour or ride, get out your road atlas or state highway map and have fun. Enjoy your ride and remember, **Ride Safe!**



Select an area from the map.

Ohio Valley

Click on route number for more information and map.

- ↔ **SR 5** - Elizabeth to Burnsville - 64 miles
- ↔ **SR 7** - New Martinsville to Corinth - 106 miles
- ↑ **SR 16** - St Marys to Bishop, Virginia - 246 miles - "...narrow in lots of places, switchbacks here and there..."
- ↔ **SR 23** - Tyler to Salem - 30 miles
- ↔ **SR 47** - Parkersburg to Linn - 62 miles - "...a treasure more riders should experience."
- ↔ **US 33** - Ripley to Richmond, Virginia - 342 miles - "The trip over the mountain is something you will never forget..."
- ↔ **US 40** - Wheeling to West Alexander, Pennsylvania - 15 miles - National Road
- ↔ **US 50** - Parkersburg to Capon Bridge - 203 miles - "...TWO sets of hairpin turns..."
- ↑ **US 250** - Moundsville to Waynesboro, Virginia - 244 miles - "One of the great stretches of federal highway in the east."
- NEW** ↔ **Old Route 50** - Parkersburg to Clarksburg - 70 miles

Mountains & Lakes Country

Click on route number for more information and map.

- ↔ **SR 4** - Clendenin to Sutton - 61 miles - "...loaded with long sweepers from one end to the other."
- ↔ **SR 5** - Elizabeth to Burnsville - 64 miles
- ↔ **SR 7** - New Martinsville to Corinth - 106 miles
- ↔ **SR 15** - Sutton to Valley Head - 65 miles - "This road has it all and makes you remember why you bought a bike in the first place!"
- ↑ **SR 20** - Clarksburg to Bluefield - 216 miles
- ↑ **SR 26** - Brandonville to Fellowsville - 33 miles - "Twisty, low traffic, sharp corners, a sportbikers delight!"
- ↔ **SR 38** - Phillipi to St George - 23 miles
- ↔ **SR 39** - Summersville to Lexington, Virginia - 134 miles
- ↔ **SR 57** - Romines Mills to Phillipi - 12 miles - Elk City Road
- ↑ **SR 72** - Kingwood to Red Creek - 54 miles - "...narrow with many switchbacks..."
- ↔ **SR 93** - Davis to Claysville - 34 miles - "Great road...twisty and awesome scenery."
- ↑ **SR 150** - Edray to Junction SR 39 - 23 miles
- ↔ **US 33** - Ripley to Richmond, Virginia - 342 miles - "The trip over the mountain is something you will never forget..."
- ↔ **US 50** - Parkersburg to Capon Bridge - 203 miles - "...TWO sets of hairpin turns..."
- ↑ **US 219** - Redhouse, Maryland to Rich Creek - 200 miles
- ↑ **US 250** - Moundsville to Waynesboro, Virginia - 244 miles - "One of the great stretches of federal highway in the east."
- ↑ **I-79** - Weston to Charleston - 100 miles - "...THE MOST fun you will ever have on an interstate highway."

- ↑ **CR 3** - Brandonville to Terra Alta - 18 miles - Brandonville Turnpike - "Starts out tame, for about 4 miles, then comes the fun!"
- ↑ **CR 37** - Beverly to Valley Bend - 15 miles
- ↑ **CR 53** - Terra Alta to Aurora - 10 miles - Aurora Pike
- ↑ **CR 112/5** - Aurora to St George - 16 miles - CR 112 in Preston County & CR 5 in Tucker County

Potomac Highlands

Click on route number for more information and map.

- ↔ **SR 9** - Paw Paw to Leesburg, Virginia - 88 miles - "...takes you up and over the mountains..."
- ↑ **SR 29** - Paw Paw to Augusta - 20 miles - "Nice scenic valley, nice cruiser."
- ↑ **SR 42** - Blaine to Petersburg - 41 miles
- ↔ **SR 55** - Seneca Rocks to Strasburg, Virginia - 85 miles "Twisty and scenic, a sweeper here and there."
- ↔ **SR 93** - Davis to Claysville - 34 miles - "Great road...twisty and awesome scenery."
- ↑ **SR 259** - Baker to Broadway, Virginia - 38 miles
- ↔ **US 33** - Ripley to Richmond, Virginia - 342 miles - "The trip over the mountain is something you will never forget..."
- ↔ **US 50** - Parkersburg to Capon Bridge - 203 miles - "...TWO sets of hairpin turns..."

New River & Greenbrier Valleys

Click on route number for more information and map.

- ↔ **SR 3** - Shady Spring to Sweet Springs - 75 miles - "One of my favorite roads anywhere."
- ↑ **SR 10** - Huntington to Princeton - 146 miles - "Great road to ride...and it's fun every time."
- ↑ **SR 12** - Forest Hill to Peterstown - 14 miles
- ↑ **SR 16** - St Marys to Bishop, Virginia - 246 miles - "...narrow in lots of places, switchbacks here and there..."
- ↑ **SR 20** - Clarksburg to Bluefield - 216 miles
- ↑ **SR 85** - Danville to Oceana - 45 miles - "The road is a must ride!"
- ↔ **SR 122** - Forest Hill to Raines Corner - 14 miles - "Secondary road with some unlined areas..."
- ↑ **US 19** - Beckley to Princeton - 40 miles
- ↑ **US 52** - Kenova to Bluefield - 166 miles
- ↔ **US 60** - Charleston to White Sulphur Springs - 111 miles - "...great twisties up and down the mountains."
- ↑ **US 219** - Redhouse, Maryland to Rich Creek - 200 miles
- ↑ **I-79** - Weston to Charleston - 100 miles - "...THE MOST fun you will ever have on an interstate highway."