



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

We had about a dozen bikes in the Clarksburg VFW Parade on November 11th. We also had several children in the pickup throwing out candy. Everyone had a great time and the weather turned out to be great. Temperature got up over 70 degrees with sunshine.

Just to let everyone know that at the November meeting we voted on the New Chapter Bylaws and the membership voted 100% to accept and approve the Bylaws. They have been sent to International for their approval.

Players for our Bingo games are starting to drop off. So we need to get our members to pass the word to all their friends and relatives about our Bingo games and see if we can get enough information out to the public to get a turn in attendance. Our games are on Thursday Daytime and Sunday Evenings. Please go on Facebook and go to Blue Knights BKII Bingo and like the page. You will then be able to know when the games are being played and what the mystery and starburst games are paying out. Bingo is where we get our money to donate to all the other charities and help the people in our communities.

Also please don't forget our chapter Christmas Party on Friday December 12th.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Friday evening, December 12th, 2014, at 18:00 hours, at Village Square Conference Center, 1489 Milford Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301. The meeting will be our December meeting and our annual Christmas Party. We have begun collecting for the 2015 annual dues as of October 1st, 2014, and I hope everyone continues their membership in the New Year. This time we are not going to pay your dues up front. **You must pay your 2015 before December 15, 2014.** If you do not pay your dues by December 15, 2014 you will have to pay a late fee. Also if you are not going to remain a member please send us an email or a letter to inform us of that decision.

Please ask another officer to come to a meeting or go for a ride with you and tell them about the Blue Knights. We have recruitment posters for you to put up at police departments so just ask for some.

If we do not receive your 2015 dues by December 15th, 2014 you will not be on our chapter members paid list. So please get the money in to me.

If we lose regular members, we also will be losing honorary members. Also this year you can pay by credit or debit card.

If you need to you can make payments. Dues are only \$25.00 per year and if you attend the picnic and/or Christmas party you know you get more than your monies worth.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

Richard & Bridget Swisher

SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

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For those members who still have not paid this year's (2014) dues please send them in with your 2015 dues since we started collecting them on October 1st, 2014. Please help us out and get them in early. Just to let you know there are several members that have not paid their 2014 dues.

If they fail to renew for 2015 we will have to let two (2) of our honorary members go until we grow our membership again. Our honorary members work hard to help the chapter and it would be a shame to have to lose them.

Please let me or one of the officers know what you are doing or wanting to do. I will be sending out invoices by email to all members and you can pay your dues with credit or debit cards. Renewal for the 2015 year **will not** be paid for by the chapter and then letting the member reimburse the chapter. The member must pay his/her dues before December 15, 2014 or pay a late fee. If need be we will take payments. Please notify us if you are not going to remain a member.

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

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 December 13th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, IHOP, Morgantown, WV.

Marty McNulty, Jim Boreing, Jim Enoch, Lou Stevens, Randy Biggins, Ethel Tyler, Fred LePera, Rexann Martin, Ed Martin, Andy Kolb, Del Parris, Richard Swisher, John "Spot" McCloud, Guests: Cherry Pie, Bernetta Kolb.

Chapter Safety Officer

Motorcycle Battery Maintenance

Tip: There are dozens of parts on a motorcycle that could be checked on a regular basis and there is nothing wrong with checking all of those parts. But try to slim the list down to the most important items so you still have time to ride.

The Battery

THE BASICS

First things, first. A 12-volt battery is not a 12-volt battery. Twelve volts is just a nominal, convenient term used to distinguish one battery from another. A fully-charged 12-volt battery, allowed to "rest" for a few hours (or days) with no load being drawn from it (or charge going to it), will balance out its charge and measure about 12.6 volts between terminals.

When a battery reads only 12 volts under the above conditions, it's almost fully depleted. Actually, if a battery's resting voltage is only 12.0 to 12.1 it means only 20 to 25% of its useful energy remains. It's either a goner or it has been deep cycled, and a battery can only be deep-cycled a limited number of times before it is indeed dead.

12-volt batteries supply useful energy only through a limited range -- from over 14 volts (when fully charged and unrested) down to 10.5 volts in use/under load (when lights dim, your motorcycle is hard to start). No 12-volt battery will remain at over 14 volts for more than seconds unless it's being charged. The lowest limit is 10.5 volts (used in testing) and obviously unsatisfactory in practical use.

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

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Road Captains

TIPS FOR WINTERIZING YOUR BIKE

It's easy to prepare your motorcycle's physical body for storage during the winter months, but ensuring its fluids are ready, too, are often overlooked. Follow the quick guide below to help your motorcycle look and function as it should once it comes out of storage for the winter, so your first ride of the spring can be just as great as when you first purchased it.

Stabilize fuel and prep the battery. Unleaded fuel begins to deteriorate after about three to four weeks. To help keep fuel from becoming sludgy and oxidizing or turning into varnish, run the engine for at least 15 minutes after adding a quality fuel stabilizer. Keep the tank full, to prevent moisture from building up and rusting the gas tank. Hooking the battery up to a battery tender or trickle charger (for under a half hour each day), can save your battery throughout the winter to be used again in the spring.

Change oil and inspect tires. After stabilizing fuel, perform an oil change to prevent oxidization from prolonged lack of activity. Use the same quality of oil that you would typically use in your car. A synthetic oil will ensure a good ride and quality lubrication when you re-open your bike to ride again in the spring. Deflating tires and re-inflating them for storage during winter months will help eliminate any moisture build-up and ensure proper inflation. If you can, elevate your bike during storage to keep tires in good shape and uncracked as the air compresses in the cold. Using a good tire cleaner will keep tires looking fresh.

Clean and lubricate. Make sure your motorcycle is completely clean of dirt, bugs, salt and sand before storing. Traces of these items can cause corrosion and rust when sitting for long periods of time. Once you've cleaned it with a soft sponge or cloth, polish your bike with a quality polish. Include the bike body, any chrome parts and the saddlebag. Be sure to lubricate the chain, so that it is not rusted when you take your bike out in the springtime. If you think of it, lubrication again mid-winter will ensure rust stays away.

Keeping your motorcycle's fluids at their best during the cold months of winter will help it run best once it's out of storage. These can be quick and easy ways to keep your motorcycle looking and functioning great.

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

Tsula and I are going to have a Christmas Party for a few friends and club members on Dec 21st @ 6PM at our residence. She always insists on having one on the night of the Winter Solstice. I dunno, ask her. Anyway, if you can attend, you are more than welcome. I AM a ways out of town (it will be 100 miles round trip for folks from Clarksburg, for example) which is why it's starting at 6. If you would like to attend but have not been out here before (It took Fred three tries to find the place) I'll get you some child proof directions. All are welcome! Gene Botting

Please RSVP to eugenebotting@gmail.com (304-476-9486) if you are attending the party, just so we know how many to prepare for? Thanks.

I have a couple of items for sale, as I don't really need them, and thought this may be a good time to tell the members, as Christmas is upon us. When I was in Afghanistan, herself bought me a rifle every Christmas. I now have more than I really need, and need to part with a couple of them.

The 1st one is a Marlin 30-30 that has NEVER been fired. I have the box, as well as 100 rounds of Winchester 150 grain power point shells for it. Enough rounds for a lifetime of Whitetail! The rifle and rounds retail for \$650.00, however, like a car, once you drive them off the lot, you take a hit. Used but unfired, I figure the rifle and rounds are worth about \$450 now. For club members, I'll let them go for \$400.

The second rifle is a Savage Model 10 bolt action in .243 Winchester. It's mounted with a Simmons 3X9X40 scope. I have put 5 rounds through it (sighting it in) and it's never been in the woods. However, I have acquired a couple of blemishes on the wood from handling, I guess. I THOUGHT I had 95 rounds of ammo, but can only find three boxes (60 rounds.) The ammo is Fiocchi 95 grain sst polymer tipped. The rifle retails for \$650 new, the scope \$50, and the rounds that I can find \$75. Used prices are around \$575. For a club member, I'll let the stuff go for \$500. (As soon as I find the other rounds, I'll include them at no extra cost.)

Want them both? \$850.00, AND I'll throw in a hard sided carrying case which I really doubt I'll ever use again, considering I have to walk from my bedroom to the back porch to hunt.

Eugene D Botting

UP COMING EVENTS

2014 West Virginia II, Friday, December 12th, 2014, West Virginia II chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Meeting at 6 PM and Party right after the meeting.

2015 Winter MDC Conference, Danville, VA, February 13 - 15, 2015. Hosted by VA XIII, Comfort Inn & Suites, 100 Tower Drive, Danville, VA, 434-793-2000. \$75.00 per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Contact Keith Johnson 434-429-2531, bkshriner@verizon.net. Event is \$70.00 per person.

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.

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

Linda Parker, wife of State Rep Marshall Parker: knee surgery
Tsula Botting, wife of Brother Gene Botting: knee manipulation
Zadah Talkington, wife of Brother Rex Talkington: still doctoring & feeling really bad.

Drawing:

Drawing at this meeting was for \$10.00, and the name that was drawn was Kevin Renzelli, had he been there he would have had that extra \$10.00. That means that the December 2014 meeting will be worth \$15.00.

Monthly Meeting Locations

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Our January 8th, 2015 chapter meeting will be at Ryan's Restaurant, 519 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Meeting will be at 7 pm.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.



Drive responsible and always wear an approved helmet.
No matter what you ride.