



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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

The trailer committee researched the information on the chapter purchasing a trailer. Looking for most likely a 7 by 14. They have decided and recommended that we purchase the trailer off of Daniel Loughrie. A motion to purchase trailer 2015 (7x14 ft) with V-nose, tandem axle, with air conditioning/heating unit from Daniel Loughrie for \$5,000.00. That motion was passed and I am working on get with Daniel Loughrie to close the purchase. Hopefully it will be done on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. I believe for right now it will be stored at Brother Marty McNulty's residence.

Remember that our Christmas Party will be Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Social starts at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm and Santa will arrive around 8 pm.

Rexann and I want to wish every one a Happy Thanksgiving. Since there will not be a December chapter meeting, we will wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ride with Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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

**JUST IN CASE YOU DID NOT READ THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING IT WAS VOTED ON BY THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO HAVE THE CHAPTER COVER THE 2023 DUES FOR ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS.**

**SO, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MAIL IN YOUR DUES.**

**I AM REQUESTING TO HAVE YOU SEND ME IN YOUR ADDRESS IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR CHANGED IT IN THE LAST 2 YEARS.**

**Catch the fever.**

Ride with Pride

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***Jim Enoch***

### ***SECRETARY'S NOTES:***

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7 PM.

Hope this finds my Brothers, Sisters, and family members in good health and spirits? Thought and prayers go out to Steve, Carmen Hamlin and family for a speedy recovery. We would like to pay tribute to our men and women of our armed forces. Thank you kindly for your service. Don't forget to renew membership.

Kelli starts her rehab right after we vote, and I have right retina surgery here shortly.

Pay attention if your riding, or driving our society is over run with idiots. Please vote and remember those who are in Heaven 1 watching over us. Love and miss you all. Robby n Kelli Robinson

Respectfully,

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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**

### **Dress For The Fall, Not The Ride**

**(Comfort is just as important)**

By: James R. Davis

Having just completed a 1,400-mile tour from Houston, Texas to Tupelo, Mississippi in order to explore the Natchez Trace, it seems a good time to reflect on what was learned during that trip.

Let me describe the environment first. Cash and I packed our bikes and began our tour at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 1998. It was 34 degrees when we left - COLD! We traveled all day and reached Vicksburg, Mississippi before stopping for the night. The next day we made it to Tupelo, Mississippi ending our travel away from home. The temperature fell to 22 degrees that night. On the return trip the temperatures steadily rose both days reaching the mid 60's before we arrived back in Houston on Sunday afternoon. While there were storms all around us, not one drop of water fell on us during those four days.

Neither Cash nor I will ride our bikes 20 feet without first donning a helmet. Similarly, we invariably wear leather chaps to protect our legs. Until this year we would wear our leather jackets in any weather up to a temperature of about 90 degrees. When it got that hot, we would either wear lighter leather or some form of synthetic jacket. And, of course, we wear boots and gloves. Obviously, our primary intention in wearing this PROTECTIVE GEAR is to protect us from a potential fall from the bikes, not because it is stylish nor even because in the case of the helmet, it is often the law.

However, on this trip neither of us had any trouble whatever. We did not dump our bikes. We did not fall from them. We had no mechanical trouble. But I can assure you that we did not feel that we had overdressed! (Indeed, we had not put enough layers of clothes on for the first two days.)

What we discovered early the very first day was that without dressing as we had we could not have driven our bikes more than about 50 miles, let alone 1,400 miles. That is, our PROTECTIVE GEAR was a requirement for COMFORT!!! The oft denigrated helmet was absolutely essential from that point of view. Our faces and our eyes could not have handled sub-freezing temperatures without those helmets. Our hands could not have handled the controls for longer than about five minutes without the gloves (and liners) we were wearing. Our feet could not have handled the wind chill effects of traveling at 70 MPH without high topped boots and the protection of our chaps.

In fact, as I said earlier, our PROTECTIVE GEAR was inadequate to keep us as comfortable as we needed to be without adding more layers of clothing under them than we normally wear.

But there are limits. I, for example, wore long johns, sweatpants, and loose pants under my chaps. The sweatpants were too bulky and tended to bind my knees when I bent them. Off went the sweats and the loose pants and they were replaced with a pair of jeans. That combination worked just fine.

Similarly, both Cash and I wear glove liners under our leather gloves when the temperature drops. For the first two days we found that was not enough. So, we resorted to an old trick we learned on an earlier tour - we placed a pair of latex gloves on over the liners, then put the leather gloves on top of both. Cash found that if she wore her tighter leather gloves over the latex gloves there was insufficient protection. She switched to a larger set of leather gloves and found that the additional layer of air made all the difference in the world. In my case, after about an hour of wearing those latex gloves, I found my hands were so wet from sweat that I was getting colder each time we stopped than had I not worn them at all. But they made the difference that was required while we were on the road and my hands were too cold to control my bike properly.

And now about leather jackets - this year both Cash and I purchased new jackets for our riding COMFORT and PROTECTION. We selected the Kilimanjaro style jacket made by FirstGear. These are made of a wonderful fabric called Hypertex rather than leather. We believe that we would not have been able to complete this latest tour had we not worn these jackets.

The jackets are long - coming six or eight inches below our waist lines. All zippers are covered and sealed from direct exposure to the wind. There are MANY, MANY pockets in these jackets, many of which are easily accessible with gloved hands, all are protected from the wind, and some are deep enough to easily hold my MSF range cards while instructing my classes. The jackets are waterproof and very, very important, the arm cuffs are designed to overlap a pair of gloves and easily seal, via Velcro straps, around them. There are many ingeniously located air flow control vents that are zipper sealed when you want to 'bundle up'. The shoulders have light reflective material on them and there is a long light reflective strip on the back that you can hide or show at will. There is a removable jacket liner that can be worn by itself if you wish. Finally, these jackets have built-in soft armor at the shoulders, elbows, upper and lower back. Retail price of these jackets is about \$270.

Do I think that a leather jacket provides more protection than these jackets? Yep! From slides. But nothing I have ever worn provides as much PROTECTION and COMFORT in as widely diverse weather as these jackets provide. And, one can always add hard armor in place of the soft armor for even more protection.

So, while I absolutely believe that you should dress for the fall, not just for the ride, COMFORT is just as important most of the time.

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**Ride with Pride,  
Walter Knight**

**Road Captains  
Animal Hazards  
Swerve or Panic Stop?**

By: James R. Davis

It doesn't happen very often but even while traveling on a freeway you can suddenly be confronted with an animal in your path. Certainly, it happens with some frequency in the country, and on city streets you must be ever concerned about usually domesticated types.

Those of us who ride in the country tend to confront five types of animals with some regularity: deer, dogs, cattle, birds and horses in roughly that order of frequency. On surface streets there are usually just two varieties: dogs and children (both an animal and wildlife in my book.) Dogs on a freeway are usually road kill before you get to them.

If you see an animal in your path, given plenty of warning, the obvious best move is to slow down and give it as wide a clearance as possible. However, in the case of an animal that 'was in front of me out of nowhere' situations, you have an immediate decision to make ... to swerve and try to avoid it, or to panic stop.

That is a false choice to make! If you think that you can figure out where a deer is going to be in the next 5 seconds, you are dead wrong! But more than that, if you think that you can, in a panic, swerve your motorcycle and retain control of it - not run into oncoming traffic, or the side of the mountain, or off the road, or oversteer it into a crash after avoiding the animal, or swerve right into the animal which has jumped into your new path, then you are probably also of the opinion that it can't happen to you in any event.

If you hit a cement truck at 5 mph you will probably walk away from it. If you hit ANYTHING while traveling at 50 mph or faster, you probably will not. The difference is your speed. Swerving does not reduce your speed. What it will do is give away some control.

Your best move is almost always to try a CONTROLLED panic stop. Do not lose control of your bike. Minimize the speed of impact. If you are good, and practiced, you might not hit anything at all. Even if luck is against you, you will probably still walk away from it.

I can hear it now: "Even if it's a child?" Absolutely! If that child decides to make a dash for his/her life and chooses (like you) the wrong direction to run in, then you will hit that child with a greater (faster) impact swerving to avoid him/her than if you try to stop the bike.

Of course, you aren't doing 50 mph or greater on city streets, right? You are covering your front brake while riding on city streets, right?

Play the odds in your head before you get into the situation. Condition yourself - bias yourself - panic stops are not a bad thing.

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

## Chaplain's Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain  
Blue Knights WVII**

## Quartermaster

Brother Noe with riding season coming to an end now is the time to get some new shirts, hats etc. Items are at the clubhouse. If you need something contact me or one of the staff at the clubhouse. We still have hoodies in

stock. Got some new upper, lower rockers and center logo patches.

## Rene Noe

### **\*Joke for the Day\***

A knight went off to fight in the Holy Crusades but before leaving he made his wife wear a chastity belt. After tightly securing it to her, he handed the key to his best friend with the instruction: "If I do not return within seven years, unlock my wife and set her free to lead a normal life."

The knight then rode off on the first leg of his journey to the Holy Land, but he had only traveled barely an hour when he was suddenly aware of the sound of pounding hooves behind him. He turned to see that it was his best friend.

"What is the problem?" asked the knight.

His best friend replied: "You gave me the wrong key."

## **INT'L/MDC Safety Officer**

Please remind everyone that even though it's cooler, you still need to stay hydrated. Take a warmer coat on long rides as it might be a lot colder on the way home. Rain gear not only helps to keep you dry but it will keep you warm too.

### **Robert (Bud) Overby**

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**Mason Dixon Safety Officer**

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

## **From Membership**

### **UP COMING EVENTS**

#### **2022 November**

**2022 Harrison County Area Annual Toy Run**; Sunday, November 27, 2022, bikers will meet at South Harrison High School parking lot at noon and kickstands up at 1:00 pm.

#### **December**

**2022 West Virginia II, Friday, December 9th, 2022**, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm.

#### **2023 Events February**

**2023 Winter Mason Dixon Conference, February 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Delaware I is hosting the Winter MDC at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center, 1 Baltimore Ave, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. (On the Boardwalk) Room Rate is \$79.00 plus taxes. Call hotel at 800-422-0600, ask for Blue Knights Group #10. Registration for the event is \$95.00 per person.

#### **May**

**2023 Spring Mason Dixon Conference/Wild & Wonderful Knights**, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Elkins, WV. May 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 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**, Rooms \$125.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$75.00 per person before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and \$90.00 after May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## July

2023 International Convention: Hosted by PA V, host hotel is the Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011. July 16 – July 21, 2023. Room rates are \$134.00 plus tax per night and the registration for the event is \$150.00 per person. Convention Information: The web site for the 2023 event has been activated for Blue Knights around the world. You can visit the web site by clicking on/going to [www.BKI2023International.com](http://www.BKI2023International.com). See flyer below.

### **Sick, Ill, or in Distress:**

Brother Steve Hamling having medical issues and needs prayers. Brother Chuck Luzader to have heart catheterization on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Brother Mike Neely and wife have the flu.

Update on Brother Luzader his catheterization went well. Brother Enoch had to go to ER on Sunday night. He is home now. Brother Ron Watson just had knee replacement surgery. Please send all these families prayers.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 19:00 hours.

**Drawing:** November drawing is \$90.00. Brother Andrew Menendez's name was drawn but he was not present. January drawing will be \$95.00. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing.

**Members in Attendance:** Don Wikert, Fred LePera, Marty McNulty, Ron Watson, Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Jim Enoch, Lou Stevens, Marshall Parker, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

**Guest:** Tammy McNulty and Becky Green

**On Facebook:** Robby and Kelli-anne Robinson, Terry Queen, Bud Overby, Pamela Poisson, Donna Belcastro, Scott Hunt, Johnny John, Steven Smith, Russ Harper and Sherry Hunt

### **Next Meeting**

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**2023 BLUE KNIGHT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**  
**A "Family Oriented Event" Sunday, July 16 – Friday, July 21**  
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**Registration \$150 (adults), \$85 (ages 12-17):**

- Wednesday Dinner and Thursday Banquet,
- Hospitality daily w/extended hours
- Typical choices of 2 Guided Rides each day
- Youngster sitting during Banquet
- BK "car-pooling" excursions desk
- Special events for the ladies
- Vendors and Chapter Sales Room
- Door prizes & daily 50/50s
- Opt. Bus Tours (an extra charge)
- Opt. Daily Hotel Breakfasts (on your room charge)



**Some area attractions of interest for "Guided" Rides, Tours and Visits:**

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| National Civil War Museum - Harrisburg      | PA State Police Museum - Hershey           |
| Harley Davidson Assembly Plant - York       | Susquehanna River Tour                     |
| Bills Cycle Barn - Bloomsburg               | Three Mile Island - Middletown             |
| PA Military Museum - Boalsburg              | Gettysburg Battlefield Tour                |
| Hershey Amusement Park                      | National Cemetery - Ft Indiantown Gap      |
| Chocolate World - Hershey                   | Hershey Rose Gardens                       |
| PA Sate Capitol Complex - Harrisburg        | Centralia Mine Fire - A Near Ghost Town    |
| Vineyard at Hershey                         | Lancaster County Amish & Mennonite Country |
| Lititz PA - "Coolest Small Town in America" | Army Heritage Center - Carlisle            |