



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

We are going to be in the Clarksburg VFW Parade on November 11th. So if you can make it please be in the parking lot at the intersection of West Pike Street and 6th Street, in Clarksburg at 11:00 AM. Parade starts at Noon.

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 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 onto 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 Halloween party.

2014 West Virginia II, Saturday, October 25th, 2014, West Virginia II chapter Halloween Party (COSTUMES preferred) at Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg, at 7 PM. Please call and let us know if you will be attending.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, November 13th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at the IHOP, 201 Venture Road, Morgantown, West Virginia 26508. 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 and then you can reimburse us. 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 and email or a letter to inform us of that.

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 you 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:

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, November 13th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at the IHOP, 201 Venture Road.

Morgantown, West Virginia 26508. We need all of our members to let others know when you go for a ride. We should be riding as much as possible.

For those members who still have not paid this year's (2014) dues please send them in with your 2015 dues since we will be collecting them starting 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 October 9th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, Hickory House, Jane Lew, WV.

Marty McNulty, Gene Botting, Rexann Martin, Ed Martin, Rex Talkington, Marshall Parker, Cathy Conners, DW Conners, Del Parris, Richard Swisher, John "Spot" McCloud, Guests: Tammy Linger, Bridget Swisher.

Chapter Safety Officer

You should take steps now in order to insure your motorcycle runs smoothly when spring arrives after you've stored it for the winter. Taking care of your bike before you store it is just as crucial as taking care of it the rest of the year. With just a few simple steps, you can winterize your bike so that your first ride in the spring can go smoothly.

Difficulty:

Moderate

Instructions

1

Fill your gas tank up. Include a fuel stabilizer to prevent the gasoline from breaking down and causing damage to the fuel lines and various other areas of your bike.

2

To prevent corrosion on the metal surfaces of your motorcycle, it's a good idea to change the oil, transmission fluid and your chaincase fluid. This helps keep everything properly lubed and clean.

3

Keep your throttle and clutch cables lubed to help them stay in good working condition.

4

Focus on the battery attention when you plan to store for the winter, since it gradually loses charge over time. Ideally, you'll want to leave your battery in the motorcycle and attach a battery tender to it. The battery tender is a smart [charger](#) that basically turns itself on and off as needed, to prevent overcharging. Take time to clean the posts on your battery now if they are corroded. Add grease to the threads of the bolts to keep them clean all season.

5

Inflate your [tires](#) to their ideal level to decrease the risk of flat spots forming on your tires. Take the time to move the bike several times a month--parking on a different section of the tires each time also helps prevent flat spots. To prevent your tires from dry rot, keep them out of direct sunlight.

6

Give your motorcycle a good scrub before putting it up for the winter. Don't leave any grease or bugs on the paint or chromed areas. There are products available that you can apply to the paint and metal areas to protect the finish.

7

Store your motorcycle inside if at all possible. If it isn't possible to store the bike inside, [invest](#) in a good form-fitting, breathable cover.

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

MDC Safety Officer

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Road Captains Side-stands What could possibly be said about these?

By: James R. Davis

Like an airplane, it is my opinion that motorcycles should have a 'walk around' performed before every ride. During these quick checks you will see the obvious: low tire pressure, damaged tires, dripping oil, open luggage, and the like. (You might also get in the habit of checking your oil level.)

Depending on how frequently you ride, I suggest that a 'touch *everything*' (literally) check should also be done regularly where such things as loose windscreens, loose spark plug wires, loose antennas, loose mirrors, etc. are discovered before they become problems.

But one part of our machines tends to get overlooked by most during our casual checks - our side stands.

First, let's look at what can go wrong with them.

The most obvious is a weak or broken lock spring. With either you can end up dragging the stand as you ride, or it will fail to 'lock' the stand into place when you lower it leaving your bike on its left side when you dismount.

Newer bikes have an interlock switch that kills the ignition if you put the bike into gear while the stand is down. That switch can fail. If you rely on it and don't bother to check that the stand is up before you drive away, that first left turn can easily send you bouncing over to the right and result in total loss of control.

Older bikes have a rubber 'finger' extension at the tip of the stand that will wear over time. The purpose of that little 'finger' is to grab the pavement before the metal part of the stand itself does and ATTEMPT to pull the stand out of its locked position before it hits. There is a wear marker on these rubber extensions and when yours gets worn to that point it should be replaced because it no longer reaches the ground before the metal part of the side stand.

If when parked on a level surface your bike is not leaning heavily on the side stand you should adjust the side stand, if possible, so that it does. If it is not possible for you to adjust the side stand sufficiently, any welder can easily do so in a matter of minutes.

Assuming that your side stand is fully functional, there are things you should *not* do in order to keep them from turning dangerous.

- You should never take a bike down from its center stand while the side stand is down. To do so risks potential damage to the frame and engine mounts (from shock) and can easily result in tossing your bike over onto its right side. Situations that increase the risk include your shocks being low, heavy luggage, a road slope to the right, or coming down slightly off center.
- You should never simply kick the stand down at your destination and climb off your bike without *visually* checking that it is extended all the way and 'locked' into place.
- You should never have your shocks so low, or luggage so heavy, or stop on an incline to the right so great that you have to lean the bike to the right in order to get the side stand all the way down. If you have to do so, the bike will not be leaning heavily on that side stand when you leave it and you cannot, as a result, trust that your bike will remain standing when you return to it.
- You should never allow a passenger to mount or dismount your bike while the side stand is down (or you are off the bike, or

you do not have both feet on the ground, or you are not in neutral). Compressing/decompressing shocks can result in the side stand pushing the bike over onto its right side.

- You should never rely on the side stand to support your bike by itself unless you are parked on a solid surface. While sand and grassy areas are obviously not 'solid', neither is asphalt when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. Placing a 'foot' under that side stand is usually all that is required to keep your stand from punching a hole under it and sending your bike onto its left side.
- You should never leave your bike unattended in neutral gear with the side stand down if you are parked facing down (OR up) a hill. Putting the bike in gear (especially reverse) will 'lock' the rear wheel and your bike will still be standing when you return to it. Being 'in-gear' is the closest thing on your scooter to having a parking brake!

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

Chaplain’s Corner

VITAL SIGNS

In a hospital a great deal of time is spent checking vital signs. These are indicators that life is present. The most common vital signs are pulse rate, respiration, temperature, and blood pressure. A variation in these may warn of a life-threatening situation, and their complete absence indicates death.

Believe it or not, all of these signs may be within the norm and a person still be dead. You probably know someone who walks around like they are alive, but who for all practical purposes are dead, i.e., they are emotionally, mentally or spiritually dead. You often find them in front of their TV sets where they have not moved for hours. You may experience this in yourself as the feeling of “going through the motions” without experiencing what you are doing.

I have developed a list of vital signs to help you determine if you are really still alive. It may require a little thought, but here they are.

1. Are you still growing? Not taller or wider, but deeper mentally, socially and spiritually. If not, I hope someone administers CPR before it is too late.
2. Have you taken any risks lately? This does not refer to riding the Blue Ridge Parkway at 80 mph, but refers to risks in relationships, career, trying something you always wanted to do but were afraid of what others would think, or taking a stand on an issue that runs contrary to what the majority approves.
3. Do you talk to others about significant issues or share feelings with someone else, or do you just moan and complain about the state of our world? Someone once said that “Small minds talk about other people, mediocre minds talk about events, and great minds talk about ideas.”
4. When did you last act like a kid? (Your behavior at Canaan doesn’t count.) The ability to put aside the seriousness and responsibilities of adulthood, to play and have fun is essential to being alive.
5. Do you generally approach life with a sense of gratitude and thankfulness? Nothing kills quicker than bitterness and ingratitude. St. Ignatius included a prayer of gratitude at the end of every day no matter how bad the day had been.
6. Finally, can you enjoy being alone for a period of time? If not, then maybe you need the sounds and presence of others to affirm you are still alive. It is affirming sometime to just be quiet and listen to your own breathing.

Try taking these vital signs. If you answer “no” to all them call the emergency squad immediately. If you answer “yes” to some of them, your prognosis may be good. If you answer “yes” to all of them, then you are definitely alive. Good luck!

Del Parris
Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

State Rep's Report

RIDE WITH PRIDE, RIDE SAFE,

MARSHALL PARKER

WEST VIRGINIA STATE REP/ MEMBER WV II

From Membership

Have a new business in Fairmont, WV that will give 10% off to Blue Knights members with their membership card.

M & J CYCLE WORKS (Michella & James Nuce, Owners)

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Parts, racing, and accessories for motorcycles, ATV and UTV.

UP COMING EVENTS

2014 West Virginia II, Saturday, October 25th, 2014, West Virginia II chapter Halloween Party (COSTUMES preferred) at Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg, at 7 PM. Please call and let us know if you will be attending.

2014 Clarksburg VFW Post 573 Veterans Day Parade, November 11, 2014; Parade starts at Noon. Streets in Clarksburg will close at 11:30 AM so please be at the parking lot at the intersection of West Pike Street and Sixth (6th) Street before 11:00 AM. Remember we will have a pickup truck to let the kids ride in and throw out candy. The truck will be in front of the motorcycles and we should be in the front of the parade behind the police cars.

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 with her knee, Tsula Botting with knee, Zadah Talkington still don't know what is wrong, and Owen Swisher having some distress issues. Becky Ryan's mother passed away.

Drawing

Drawing at this meeting was for \$5.00, and the name that was drawn was Bill Sothen, had he been there he would have had that extra \$5.00. That means that the November 2014 meeting will be worth \$10.00.

Month Meeting Locations

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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