



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



October 2016 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Our chapter is having several things going on in November so please try and make it to as many events as you can. See the list below. It is that time of the year to be sending in your \$25.00 for the 2017 dues. The address is Blue Knights West Virginia II, P.O. Box 174, Anmoore, WV 26323-0174
Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 10, 2016 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.

Membership dues for 2017 are now being collected so please send your dues in now, they are still \$25.00. The address is Blue Knights West Virginia II, P.O. Box 174, Anmoore, WV 26323-0174.

Also I would encourage you to talk to someone that would be a great addition to our BK WV II membership that meet the requirements and plant a seed with them about becoming a BLUE KNIGHT.

If you need a poster or other information about the Blue Knights let us know and we will get it to you. You can put it up at work or another agency.

Remember if you have not made a meeting, ride or event you need to get one in by the end of the year.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

Greg & Tiffany Hoskins

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SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

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

October Meeting: Doug Baker, Randy Biggins, Gene Botting, Ron Wikert, John "Spot" McCloud, Del Parris, Robby Robinson, Marty McNulty, Rexann Martin, and Ed Martin.

Chapter Safety Officer

NONE

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

MDC Safety Officer

NONE

D.W. Conners

Mason Dixon Safety Officer

Email bkmdc@frontier.com

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

In my many years of ministry I have discovered that it is so often the little things we do that are really so big. We often worry about what to say or do when someone is facing a life-threatening illness or there has been a death. The most important thing is simple to show up, to be there. People rarely remember what we say in those times, but rarely forget that we were there for them. A hug, a smile communicates what is in our hearts.

I was reminded of this truth when I read these words from Meister Eckhart, an early mystic of the Christian faith:

“All day long a little burrow labors, sometimes with heavy loads on her back and sometimes just with worries about things that bother only burros.

And worries, as we know, can be more exhausting than physical labor.

One in a while a kind monk come to her stable and brings a pear, but more than that, he looks into the burrow’s eyes and touches her ears and for a few seconds the burrow is free and even seems to laugh, because love does that.”

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

State Rep’s Report

NONE

RIDE WITH PRIDE, RIDE SAFE,
MARSHALL PARKER
WEST VIRGINIA STATE REP.

Committee Reports

NONE

From Membership

NONE

UP COMING EVENTS

2016 Clarksburg VFW Post 573 Veterans Day Parade, November 11, 2016; Parade starts at Noon. Streets in Clarksburg will close at 11:00 AM so please be at the intersection of West Main Street and Sixth (6th) Street before 10:30 AM for lineup. This will be the intersection where the Clarksburg Central Fire Station and Senior Citizens Building are located. 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.

West Virginia II, Saturday, November 12th, 2016; For anyone that needs their CPR recert or just wanting to take a CPR class Brother Walter Knight will be having a CPR class at 9 AM, on Saturday, November 12, 2016. The class will be held at the Clarksburg Fire Department at the North View Station located at 1001 North Ohio Ave, Clarksburg, WV. The station is

located just off of U.S. Rt 50 at the North View Exit. Please let me know if you are interested so I can let Brother Knight know about how many will be attending.

2016 West Virginia II, Friday, December 16th, 2016, West Virginia II chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Meeting at 5:30 PM and Party right after the meeting. Ballroom A.

2017 Winter MDC Conference, Atlantic Beach, NC, February 10 - 12, 2017. Hosted by NC XVIII, Double Tree by Hilton, 2717 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512, rooms \$69.00 per night, phone # 252-240-1155; Blue Knights North Carolina XVIII, 206 Ridge Crest Dr, Peletier, NC 28584. Price is \$75.00 per person. Contact John Elder 252-342-1807.

2017 Spring MDC Conference, Memphis, TN, May 26 - 29, 2017. Hosted by TN I. More information to come.

2017 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. June 9, 10, & 11, 2017. 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 \$50.00 per person before April 1st, 2017, and \$75.00 after April 1st.

2017 International Convention, July 16-21, 2017. Milwaukee, WI. Hosted by WI VI. Host Hotel: Hilton Milwaukee City Center, 509 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Telephone 414-271-7250. Registration for event is \$135.00 per person, if registered before June 6, 2017, after that it will be \$155.00. Convention Website: <http://www.brewcityknights.com>. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/brewcityknights2017>. More Info to come.

2017 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, September 1 - 4, 2017. 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 41st Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823.

Sick - Ill or in Distress: Jim and Margie Boreing.

Drawing

Drawing at October 13, 2016 meeting was for \$10.00. Brother Watson's name was call but he was not present so at the next meeting which will be November 10, 2016 the prize will be \$15.00.

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WEST VIRGINIA II

WILD AND WONDERFUL KNIGHTS

COME JOIN US IN THE WILD, WONDERFUL MOUNTAINS OF WEST VIRGINIA

June 9th, 10th, & 11th, 2017

PRE-REGISTRATION \$50.00 PER PERSON

\$75.00 per Person after April 1st, 2017

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 50 Martin St, Elkins, WV 26241

REGISTRATION OPEN: FRIDAY 3 PM – 10 PM; SATURDAY 9 AM – 3 PM.

HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN: FRIDAY 6 PM – 10 PM; Saturday Noon – 3 PM.

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- HOSPITALITY ROOM ON FRIDAY NIGHT, FREE BEER, SOME FOOD AND SNACKS.
- CORNHOLE GAMES.
- HOSPITALITY ROOM ON SATURDAY NOON – 3 PM, FREE BEER, SOME FOOD AND SNACKS.
- DOWNTOWN WALKING POKER RUN (WALK).
- SATURDAY EVENING DINNER AT 19:00 HRS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL.
- SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AT ABOUT 8:15 PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT.
- SATURDAY AWARDS PRESENTED AT ABOUT 9:00 PM.
- WEEKEND OF JUST RELAXING OR DOING WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO.
- SELF GUIDED TOURS TO AREA HISTORICAL SITES AND MOUNTAINOUS ROADS.
- TRAIN RIDES AVAILABLE AND BRANSON TYPE SHOWS AVAILABLE (at extra cost).
- USUAL 50/50, RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES AND A WEEKEND OF MEETING WITH OLD FRIENDS AND NEW ONES.
- (GUIDED TOURS GIVEN UPON REQUEST).
- CIVIL WAR BATTLE AREAS CLOSE.

ROOM RATES ARE \$104.00 PLUS TAXES

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You can pay your register with credit or debit card this year. *If you want to register by credit or debit card please email*

marty.e.mcNulty@gmail.com. We are using Square to make it more convenient for you. (Service fee added)

Contact Info: ED MARTIN 304-622-0135 or bkvw2@aol.com or MARTY McNULTY 732-604-6006 or

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A very comfortable, climate-controlled excursion that features two separate mountain grades, an “S” curve tunnel, passage into a 1,500 feet deep canyon with steep, densely forested slopes, and a high bridge over the meandering Shavers Fork of the Cheat River. This vintage diesel-powered passenger train has gained a reputation as one of the most relaxing mountain wilderness excursions in our Mountain Rail Adventures portfolio. The 4-hour, 46 mile round trip departs at 11 a.m. from the restored Elkins Depot on Railroad Avenue. On the trip to the Falls, enjoy an “All You Can Eat” Cold Sandwich Buffet, which is included in the ticket price. The trip culminates at the High Falls of Cheat, an 18’ high, 150’ wide waterfall located in one of the most remote and pristine settings in the region. If you’re looking for comfort and spectacular views on a vintage train this is the ride for you!

Pricing \$72.00 per person for the Parlor Car which is limited to 26 people. We need 20 people to get the group rate. Registration must be made with the Blue Knights WWK. (From all the request from people at 2016 WWK event I figure these seat will fill quickly) Seats are filled on first come first served, so get your registration in quickly.

PARLOR CAR is our classic 1922-era deluxe Pullman Parlor car offers seating in cushioned armchairs and features excellent viewing opportunities on the return trip from the rear of the train. A cold sandwich buffet is available as well as a variety of dessert options. All non-alcoholic beverages are included in the ticket price (coffee, tea, soda and water). A selection of wine is available for purchase in the Parlor Car only – cash only! Children under 12 are NOT Permitted. The lunch buffet will be private to the Parlor Car and will include different deli items to make custom sandwiches, salads, chicken strips, chips, pasta salad, cookies, fruit, water, coffee, tea, & lemonade, chef’s choice of dessert and complimentary red or white wine. Must be at Elkins Depot 30 minutes before departure.