



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



October 2018 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

The chapter voted to donate another \$500.00 to the Southern Regional Conference to help with the relief from Hurricane Michael. We had about 10 members and other volunteers help out at the NALES 3rd Annual Trunk and Treat at the Meadowbrook Mall on Thursday evening, October 17th. It is estimated that over 3,00 children and over 6,000 total people attended the event. I want to thank everyone that came out and helped with the event. I hope we have as big a turn out for the Anmoore Trunk and Treat on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 3 pm.

I have been thinking of the chapter putting on an elimination drawing for March 9th, 2019 at the Village Square Conference Center in Clarksburg. It is to raise funds for The Blue Knights COPS Run. I think if we start selling tickets in November we should be able to sell all 200 tickets by March. Let me know what you input.

Don't forget to put on your calendar that our Christmas Party is Friday night, December 14, 2018 at Village Square Conference Center.

We also need a few members to team up for the South Harrison Band Cornhole Tourney on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the South Harrison Middle School.

Ride with Pride,

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

I am presently working on getting a few things to do for the members each month during the winter months. I am working on an evening at the Gandy Dancer Show in Elkins and then maybe a movie night or afternoon in December. If you have any ideas please let me know.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 8th, 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.

Remember that for every monthly meeting you attend your name is put into the hat at the Christmas Party and if your name is drawn you will win \$100.00. So, if you attended 5 meeting your will have 5 chances to win.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

If any members of BKWV II has any pictures, patches or items, they would love to keep to donate please bring them or copies to the meeting for the memorabilia book/books. The memorabilia books will remain in the club house, covered from dust. Would like to have a sign in table or podium. Over all a sign in table and a memorabilia table.

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Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 8th, 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.

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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It is that time again of the year for you to send in your 2019 membership dues. Your 2019 dues will be \$30.00 so please send them in as early as possible so we do not have to keep asking in late December. We would like to have all the dues in no later than December 15, 2018, but the sooner the better. Also, President Martin will be sending out an invoice to all of you by email. Please complete the information on the invoice and return it with your dues. Thanks, you all.

Marty McNulty

ROLL CALL

October Meeting: Robby Robinson, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Rene Noe, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Bill Kacinec, Lewis Stevens, Mike Neely, Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Doug Baker, Randy Biggins, Del Parris, Ron Watson, Andy Kolb, William Longwell, Ethel Tyler, Steve Hamling, Walter Knight, and Robert Davis.

Guest: Brandi Knight

Chapter Safety Officer Rolling Stops

Clever Riders Always Plan On a Complete Stop at Stop Signs

You're approaching a busy intersection from a side street. Your street has a Stop sign. Immediately, you observe a gap I the oncoming traffic where you can make your right turn – if you don't waste any time. You quickly slow almost to a stop, and then immediately make your turn into traffic. But as you begin to turn, a car changes lanes into your path. You aren't moving fast enough to swerve out of the way, and you aren't prepared to do a quick stop, especially while leaned over. The bike ricochets off the front fender of the car, and the accident is your fault.

Rushing into intersections isn't wise. If you're not prepared for a stop when you realize your path is blocked, it's difficult to keep the bike under control. Even a grief stop would give you time to evaluate the situation and observe a car moving into your intended lane. Remember that more motorcyclists are injured and killed at intersections than at any other location.

The best way to be prepared for surprises in situations such as this is to come to a complete stop at all Stop signs, with your left foot supporting the motorcycle and your tight foot on the brake from creeping ahead but also illuminates the brake light to signal traffic behind you.

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

Road Captains

Here are a few tips for the ones that put their bikes away for the winter.

Here are some tips to protect and preserve the bike so it is in the same shape you store it in come spring time. Some preparation now will ensure that you are out riding in the spring instead of waiting in line at the dealers or fixing it yourself in your garage.

1. Location:

If possible, choose a location away from windows. The ultraviolet light can fade paint and plastic parts.

Direct sunlight can raise the ambient temperature of the storage area which will promote condensation when the sun goes down, so cover plain glass with some sort of opaque material.

Cover your bike with a specially designed bike cover, not a sheet or a tarp. These materials will promote rust underneath them. A specially designed motorcycle cover is made of a mildew resistant, breathable material.

2. Change the Oil:

Even if the oil is not due for a change, byproducts of combustion produce acids in the oil which will harm the inner metal surfaces.

Warm the engine to its normal operating temperature, as warm [oil drains](#) much faster and more completely.

Change the filter and add fresh oil.

3. Add Fuel Stabilizer and Drain Carbs:

Fill the tank with fresh fuel, but do not overfill. The correct level is when the fuel just touches the bottom of the filler neck. This gives enough room for the fuel to expand without overflowing the tank when temperature rises.

Shut off the fuel petcock and drain the carburetors and the fuel lines. Add fuel stabilizer to prevent the fuel from going stale, and help prevent moisture accumulation. It also prevents the small ports in your carbs from gumming up.

4. Lube the [cylinders](#):

Note: You only need to do this if your motorcycle will be stored for 6 months or longer.

Remove the spark plugs and pour a tablespoon of clean engine oil or spray fogging oil into each cylinder. Be sure to switch off the fuel before you crank the engine or else you may refill the drained carbs!

Ground the ignition leads to prevent sparks igniting any fuel residue. Turn the engine over several revolutions to spread the oil around and then reinstall the plugs. Refitting the plugs before cranking the engine could result in a hydraulic lock if too much oil was used in the cylinder.

5. Battery Storage:

The battery must be removed from the motorcycle when it is in storage. Motorcycles often have a small current drain even when the ignition is switched off (dark current), and a discharged battery will sulfate and no longer be able to sustain a charge.

A conventional battery should be checked for electrolyte level. Add distilled water to any of the cells that are low and then charge the battery.

Battery charging should be performed at least every two weeks using a charger that has an output of 10% of the battery ampere hour rating.

Be sure to store in a warm area off of the cement floor, as the harsh winter temperatures are hard on batteries.

6. Surface Preparation:

Waxing and polishing the motorcycle might seem like a waste of time since you are putting it away and no one will see it. But applying wax is a very important part of storing your motorcycle. Wax will act as a barrier against rust and moisture.

Don't forget to spray any other metal surfaces (such as the frame or engine) with a very light spray of WD-40. This will keep these areas shiny and protect them from corrosion as well.

7. [Exhaust](#) and Mufflers:

Mufflers are known to rust fast when they are not used, so making sure they are properly stored for the winter on your bike will save them from any rust.

Spray light oil (such as WD40) into the muffler ends and drain holes.

Lightly stick a plastic bag (shopping bag is fine) into the end of each muffler hole (to keep moisture from getting inside the exhaust). Cover each muffler with another plastic bag to keep outside moisture off.

8. Tires:

Check both front and rear tires with your air pressure gauge. Make sure each tire is properly inflated to the maximum recommend pressure.

As it gets colder, air condenses in your tire so it is important to pump them up as to keep your tires healthy. Rubber is a flexible material and does not like to freeze (it cracks when it freezes). It is wise to keep the tires off of the freezing floor. JS Jacks Big Wheel Motorcycle Lift work great for winter storage. It keeps the weight of the bike off of the tires as it sits through the winter and prevents flat spots.

DO NOT use a tire dressing on tires (such as Armor-All or tire cleaning foam) as this will make the tires hard and slippery.

9. Service all fluids:

If the brake or clutch fluids haven't been changed in the last two years (or 11,000 miles), do it now. The fluids used in these systems absorb moisture. The contaminated fluid will cause corrosion inside the systems, which may cause problems when the motorcycle is used next spring.

If you don't have the experience to service these systems, contact your dealer for assistance.

If your motorcycle is liquid cooled, the coolant requires changing every two years or 24,000 or (15,000 miles). Make sure that the engine is cool enough to rest your hand on it before draining the system. Coolant/antifreeze is available from your dealer and has been developed to provide the correct protection for your [motorcycle engine](#). Mixed 50/50 with distilled water will ensure a clean system for the next two years (or 15,000 miles).

10. Cover it.:

Now you can cover the bike with the cycle cover and look forward to the first warm day of spring!

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

Chaplain's Corner

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

Committee Reports

None

Membership Articles

None

UP COMING EVENTS

First annual Trunk or Treat in the Town of Anmoore this year on Saturday, October 27th, from 3:00pm-6:00pm in the Anmoore Fire Department parking lot.

2018 Veterans Day Parade hosted by Clarksburg VFW Post 573. We need to be in place at 10:15 AM at the corner of West Main Street and 6th Street, Clarksburg (next to the Clarksburg Senior Center). Parade on will on Monday November 1, 2018.

2018 Southern Harrison County Area Annual Toy Run; Sunday, November 25, 2018, bikers will meet at South Harrison High School parking lot at noon and kickstands up at 1:00 pm.

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.

2019 Winter MDC Conference, Virginia Beach, VA, February 15 - 17, 2019. Hosted by VA V, the host hotel is the Four Points by Sheraton, Oceanfront, 1211 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA. Room rate \$79.00 per night plus tax; 747-428-1183. Registration for the event is &85.00 per person/\$160.00 per couple (before February 1, 2019, after that add \$10.00. Contact Spike Johnson @ 757-418-1935 or spike102@verizon.net. Please see flyer for more info.

2019 Spring MDC Conference, College Park, MD, May 24 - 26, 2019. Hosted by MD I, Holiday Inn, 1000 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD; 240-542-1226. Room rate \$109.00 plus tax per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights group). Registration for event is \$80.00 per person; after March 1, 2019 price is \$90.00 per person. Contact Fred Allen 703-494-4792 or sundrake@verizon.net. Please see flyer for more info.

2019 International Convention August 4 - 9, 2019; Hosted by Bronx NY II, The Hilton Westchester Hotel, 699 Westchester Ave, Rye Brook, New York, 10575. 914-939-6300 or 914-939-4760. **Convention Registration Information**; Full Week Registration Prior to 3/31/19 \$150/Person (\$75 child). Full Week Registration After 4/1/19 \$180/Person (\$90 child). Convention Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/bkny2convention/home>

Sick - Ill or in Distress: None

Drawing: The October 11th, 2018 was worth \$10.00 and since Brother Neely was present he gets the money, Brother Neely advised to leave the money in the drawing for the next month. The November drawing will be worth \$15.00.

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