



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Next year the 2020 WWK and Spring Mason Dixon Conference will be the same event. You can reserve your rooms now at host hotel and all other hotels in area will not give us a group rate due to their hotel almost full. Our 40 room block already has 23 rooms reserved. Going to try and have qualifications for HR 218 for members that attend if they choose. We will have a Poker Walk for people that want to take in the downtown area. We are working on a few other things for everyone to do while at the event.

We have had several members in the hospital lately and I have been getting cards out to them. I usually have the card at the clubhouse a couple of days so everyone can sign them before I mail them off.

We have us a new member to the West Virginia II, his name is Andrew Menendez. He works for the Doddridge County Sheriff's Department. We want to welcome Andrew and his significant other, Darci Hogue.

Here is the list of members that were nominated for Chapter Officers for 2020 – 2021. President-Ed Martin; Vice President- Jim Enoch; Secretary- George "Robby" Robinson; Treasurer- Marty McNulty; and for Directors- Lewis Stevens, Andy Kolb and Robert Davis. Election will be at the November chapter meeting. New officers will take their office beginning January 1, 2020.

I want to thank everyone that came out and participated in the Trunk or Treat at the Meadowbrook Mall, Thursday, October 17, 2019.

The following members and guest were there to help:

Michael Neely, Fred LePera & Gladys, Robert Davis, Don Donald Wikert, Andrew Menendez & Darci Hogue, Becca Martin & Clark, Anabel Kimber Myers, Gerry Menendez, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin. Also most forgot Andrews mother Paula.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

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Catch the fever.

Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

At our October meeting we voted to donate or sponsor several things. First was to donate money to the Mother's Day Church in Grafton as we have done before. Second well will be a Gold Sponsor for the 1st Annual Living Life Wonderfully Made Buddy Walk, the Buddy Walk will take place at Mill Race Park in Parsons, West Virginia, on June 20, 2020. Third we will be donating to the Upward Bound of Randolph County for basketball teams. Fourth will be sponsoring a basketball team with the Bridgeport Jerry West Basketball League. Fifth we will be donating to the Braxton Community Coalition Trunk or Treat being held at the Braxton County Outlet Mall Parking Lot, Flatwoods, WV.

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Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

It appears that we have donated or sponsor enough to put us over the \$10,000.00 amount for 2019.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart and Ride with Pride. You are the faces of West Virginia II.

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Marty McNulty

ROLL CALL

October Roll Call: Don Wikert, Fred LePera, Mike Neely, Ron Watson, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Marty McNulty, Andy Kolb, Robert Davis, Walter Knight and Andrew Menendez.

Guest: Brandi Knight and Darci Hogue.

Joining meeting online: Robby Robinson, Rene Noe, Steve Hamling, Carmen Hamling, Geri Mack, Bill Rowe, Rich Springer, Chuckie Diaz, Larry Bailey, David Smith, Bryon Hope, Jane Watson, Frank Fallow, Diana Book, Bobby Ryan, Kelli-Ann Rauch and Bridget Swisher.

Chapter Safety Officer



The chart is titled "Motorcycle Wind Chill Chart" and is framed by motorcycle silhouettes. It features a grid with "Riding Speed (mph)" on the vertical axis and "Air Temperature (degrees F)" on the horizontal axis. The vertical axis ranges from 5 to 65 mph in increments of 5. The horizontal axis ranges from 30 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit in increments of 5. The data points in the grid show that as wind speed increases, the wind chill temperature decreases significantly, especially at lower air temperatures. For example, at 5 mph, a 30-degree Fahrenheit air temperature feels like 27 degrees, while at 65 mph, it feels like -9 degrees. The chart is sourced from CycleFish.com, with the website name and URL displayed at the bottom.

Riding Speed (mph)	Air Temperature (degrees F)														
	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
5	27	32	37	43	48	53	58	64	69	74	79	85	90	95	100
10	16	22	28	34	40	47	53	59	65	71	77	84	90	96	102
15	9	15	22	29	36	42	49	56	63	69	76	83	90	96	103
20	4	11	18	25	32	39	47	54	61	68	75	82	89	97	104
25	0	8	15	22	30	37	45	52	60	67	74	82	89	97	104
30	-3	5	13	20	28	36	43	51	59	66	74	82	89	97	105
35	-5	3	11	19	27	35	42	50	58	66	74	81	89	97	105
40	-6	2	10	18	26	34	42	50	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
45	-7	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
50	-7	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
55	-8	0	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
60	-8	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105
65	-9	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105

Ride with Pride,
Walter Knight

Road Captains Doggone It! How to handle charging animals

By: Cash Anthony

When it comes to handling dog problems on a bike, here's a couple of ideas:

If you have a dog problem that's chronic (a neighbor who routinely fails to fence or leash his critter), you may have to deal with the same dog repeatedly. You may find it handy in such a case to keep a can of black pepper on the bike. Let him come close (not within contact, though!) and get a co-rider to sprinkle it liberally in his face while you drive at slow speed.

You could also try the pepper spray stuff that is sold for personal protection. It may do the same thing, maybe even be better -- but you have to be pretty close to hit the dog with it in the face. There may be some long-term effects on the dog (besides to discourage him from chasing bikes!), such as damaging his eyes; however, this doesn't seem to be a problem for human beings who are pepper-sprayed.

Dog lovers may not like these ideas, but if you ride, you need some strong self-protective instincts, too. While it may infuriate you to see someone treat a dog badly, a big dog can be serious road hazard for a motorcyclist if the owner is stupid enough to let the animal run loose near a road.

The preferred method with the occasional dog adventure is to change speed so that the dog is confused. If it is trying to chase you on the bike, vary your speed so that the dog can't tell where you're going to be next. Slow down so that it overshoots your front wheel, then speed up so it can't catch you. In short order, the dog will probably give up.

The one thing you want to avoid is kicking at the dog. You can seriously destabilize yourself on the bike by doing this -- and if you kick out and he bites and grabs hold of your leg as you're moving, you are very likely to go down (besides having teeth marks in your boot!). If a vicious dog approaches you on your bike while you're stopped and unable to drive away, you'll be doubly glad to be wearing good boots and leather chaps.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

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

Chaplain's Corner

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13 Things for A Great Ride

PLAN-YOUR-JOURNEY:

Plan your route to make the most of daylight hours. Add on extra time, more than you would normally to do same route during summertime. Due to the colder conditions of riding in the fall, you'll likely be stopping to warm up more often. You'll also be tempering your speed due to more slippery road conditions. Plan that your hours are few. Therefore, pick a route that will bring you to your destination before dark.

CHECK-THE-WEATHER-FORECAST:

Pick the better weather forecasted day to take your ride if you can.

CHECK YOUR MOTORCYCLE BATTERY: Be sure to charge up your motorcycle battery the night before to ensure a full charge for your ride. Colder weather makes your battery work more and can lose its charge quicker than under normal dry warm conditions.

CHECK YOUR TIRES: Due to colder nights and cooler temperatures, your motorcycle [tire pressure](#) may seem low. Check your tire pressure for accuracy and proper inflation while also inspecting tread. Often at the

end of riding season tires are worn out. During colder weather rides, tread and grip are equally important and necessary to ensure full grip.

COLD TIRES: Your tires will take longer to warm up during colder temperature days. The first kilometers of your morning ride is tackled with smoother than normal inputs as your tires and the road surface are super slippery. Your tires will likely not warm to the point you're accustomed to in warmer temps and tires with soft rubber compound tires need to warm to perform at best. In the cold, they're hard and that traction is gone. Go easy!

CHECK LIGHTING SYSTEM: Be sure all your lights are functioning and if you can, increase your lighting quality and lens are clean. Read more on our tips to [BRIGHTEN UP](#).

MOTORCYCLE GEAR: Be warm and be visible Keeping and staying warm is key to a successful ride, and full concentration at the handlebars. It will be chilly and though you feel warm when you start, wind-chill will quickly change that factor. Heated gear is fabulous and of course add those extra linings to your jacket and pants. Winter riding gloves work well. Don't forget to layer with performance under garments and bring extra layers if you have the room. Wear high-visibility and reflective gear to make yourself as seen by other drivers.

LEAVES: Leaves are slippery – as they begin to accumulate on the roadway they can be very slick. Dry leaves can camouflage potholes and other road irregularities; wet leaves are slippery and can appear unexpectedly in shaded areas. Wet or dry, riding through stacks of leaves can reduce traction, making it difficult to stop.

ROAD SURFACE: Be aware of frost on the roadway in the early morning hours. Be sure to pay particular attention for frost on bridge decks or other higher surfaces, railroad crossings, and in shady areas where the morning sun might not have melted the frost yet. Adjust your riding speed for the conditions.

SUN GLARE: The sun is lower in the sky at this time of year and its glare can be an issue for much of the day, depending on the direction you're riding. Along with this, as trees become barren of leaves, the patterns of light and shade can be like riding in a strobe light. This can be distracting and confusing. Good sun glasses or a tinted visor work best. Be sure not to forget your clear visor so you can switch for the ride home when it becomes dark.

SPACE CUSHIONS: Give yourself enough following distance and space cushioning. It's not only difficult for you to see the road this time of year, but equally challenging for other drivers to see you. Allow extra time to react both in front and behind you. Slow down, look further ahead and increase your following distance.

DEER AND MOOSE: Autumn is the time of year deer and moose mate, meaning – they'll be more active. These animals are huge hazards for motorcyclists. Try to plan your ride during daylight hours only. The best defense is to stay aware, particularly while riding in rural areas. Scan the roadway ahead and just off of the shoulders and watch for deer crossings. Typically deer movement will peak at dusk and dawn. Areas where crops or timber are relatively close to the road will present the greatest challenge as these are ideal places for deer to cross. Unfortunately, it's these zones which provide you the shortest reaction time. Slow and prepare for the risk.

WIND: This time of year is usually accented by gusty strong winds. These can unsettle your bike and blow you a little of course within your lane. To manage this, look for signs. For example, try looking ahead at the trees and bushes, and note the behavior of other vehicles to see how the wind is affecting them. Strong winds are not constant, they are usually gusty so ensure you hold the handlebar hand-grip firmly. Go slow enough to cope with the gusts.

Bud Overby
MDC Safety Officer

Committee Reports

None

From Membership

UP COMING EVENTS

2019 Veterans Day Parade hosted by Clarksburg VFW Post 573. We need to be in place at 10:30 AM at the corner of West Main Street and 6th Street, Clarksburg (next to the Clarksburg Senior Center). Parade on will on Monday November 11, 2019.

2019 Chapter Cash Bash Drawing: The chapter will hold their Cash Bash drawing at the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV on Saturday, November 2nd, 2019. Drawings begin at 6 PM.

2019 Southern Harrison County Area Annual Toy Run; Sunday, December 1, 2019, bikers will meet at South Harrison High School parking lot at noon and kickstands up at Noon.

2019 West Virginia II, Friday, December 13th, 2019, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm. Ballroom A.

2019 KORT (Knights of the Round Table); Hosted by Blue Knights FL I, October 17 – 19 2019. Event will be at the Days Inn by Wyndham, 3430 N. U.S. Highway 441, Lake City, FL 32055. Room rate is \$79.99 per night. For room reservation call 1-(386)-758-4224. Then you need to tell them you are registering for the KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE EVENT. Registration for the chapter is \$25.00 per person, \$10.00 passenger. Contact info is Alex Ramirez (954)-328-3591 if you have any questions. This is an event for the Blue Knights, Red Knights and Green Knights.

2020 Winter MDC Conference, Danville, VA, February 14 – 16, 2020. Hosted by VA XIII, Comfort Inn & Suites, 100 Tower Drive, Danville, VA, 434-793-2000. \$85.00 plus tax per night. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Registration for event is \$85.00 per person. Contact Keith Johnson, va13@bluenights.org.

2020 Spring MDC & Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. May 22 – 24, 2020. There is a limit number of rooms, 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 and the Code is BLU, Rooms \$125.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$85.00 per person before April 1st, 2020, and \$95.00 after April 1st, 2020.

2020 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, Sept 4 - 7, 2020. 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 44th Annual Blue Ridge Rally. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823 or VA2@blueknights.org.

Sick - Ill or in Distress: Brother Stevens is still having problems from his surgery last month. Geri Mack of MD I recovering from shoulder surgery.

Drawing: The October drawing was \$10.00. Brother Andrew Menendez (our newest member) won the drawing. The November drawing will be worth \$5.00.

Next Meeting Location

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