



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

The chapter is having a Cash Bash at the Shinnston American Legion, Shinnston, WV. Need workers to show up at 5 pm. Social starts at 6 pm and bash starts at 7 pm. This will be Saturday evening, November 9th, 2024. I ask that each member please turn in their unsold tickets ASAP.

Our Bingo game is also Saturday, November 9th, 2024.

I want to thank Lou Stevens, Zach Kesling and Tina Benda for showing up Saturday morning, October 12th, between 9 am to be at the Bridge Complex in Bridgeport for the flag football championship game. They presented Super Bowl championship rings to the 6U winners.

Rexann and I were out of town for a wedding and was not available.

Is anyone going to attend the Clarksburg VFW Veterans Parade, Tuesday, November 11th, 2024?

If you can, you should try and schedule your calendar to go to the 2025 Winter MDC in College Park, MD which is being hosted by Maryland I. February 14-16, 2025. This is fairly close; it is in the Washington DC area which is about 4 hours away. If you have not been to a conference event this would be a good one to attend.

Maybe we could get enough members to attend and get the award for the largest chapter in attendance there. Remember members will get reimbursed for their event registration when you return. Information is in events section below. I also have registration if you need one.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

I have been working on the Christmas Party which will be at the Westover VFW.
See card below.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, November 14th, 2024 at 7 PM.

Please take the time to read over up coming events and attempt to attend a few of them. Let's get this chapter back to riding again.

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

Motorcycle Safety Tips for Autumn

Just because summer is over doesn't mean you have to stop riding your motorcycle. But if you're going to ride in autumn, make sure you're doing so safely.

Here are tips to prepare for riding your motorcycle in autumn:

Dress appropriately

In many U.S. regions, autumn temperatures can fluctuate greatly over the course of a single day. Morning might start out in the 30s but by mid-afternoon, it could be over 70. Counter these weather changes by dressing in layers.

Leather jackets are perfect for autumn bike riding. In summer, it's often too hot, but in the fall, a leather jacket is a great piece of protection from the wind and dropping temperature. If you buy one that has a removable lining, then you can even wear it if the weather gets warm again.

Also bring multiple pairs of gloves with you if you use your bike to commute. A thick pair could be ideal on a cold morning, but on your ride home, if the temperature has picked up, you might want something lighter or fingerless.

Look out for riding hazards

Leaves, twigs and other debris from trees often fall into streets during this time of year. While your bike can withstand running over a single leaf, road debris should generally be avoided. Hidden under some leaves could be something sharp that could give your bike a flat tire or potentially cause a road accident.

Have rain gear

Keep rain gear stashed on your bike if possible. The rain paired with chilly weather could cause hypothermia, or at the very least impair your riding ability. According to a 10-year study by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, [11 percent of all vehicle accidents](#) are caused by rain. Make sure you're prepared in every way you can be for it.

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, Terry Queen, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and John “Spot” McCloud

Chaplain’s Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

Chapter items are at the clubhouse. If you need something contact me or one of the staff at the clubhouse. We have a lot of items on sale, please purchase something today. New shirts, hats, and new coins are in. Remember if there is an item that you think the chapter should purchase and have on sale, please bring it up at a meeting so we can vote on it.

**Rene Noe
Quartermaster**

Committee Report



Blue Knights WV-II



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 13th, 2024

Social Hour 6:00 pm / Dinner 7:00 pm / Santa around 8 pm

Held at the Westover VFW Post 9916
340 Holland Ave, Westover 26501

Must RSVP by Wed. Nov. 20th - Contact Ed Martin 304-622-0135

When You RSVP, We need to know the following:

Names for Everyone? How many Adults ? Children ? Age ? Sex ?

**To help manage expenses, please respond only if you plan on attending. The food caterer charges the club for the number of reservations received and we are charged for the no-shows in addition to those actually attending.

Joke for the Day

A lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a sheriff. He thinks he's smarter being a big shot lawyer from New York and has a better education than a sheriff from West Virginia. The sheriff asks for license and registration. The lawyer asks, "What for?" The sheriff responds, "You didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign." The lawyer says, "I slowed down and no one was coming." "You still didn't come to a complete stop. License and registration please," say the sheriff impatiently. The lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration and you can give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket." The sheriff says, "That sounds fair, please exit your vehicle." The lawyer steps out and the sheriff takes out his nightstick and starts beating the lawyer with it. The sheriff says, "Do you want me to stop or just slow down?"

From Membership

Chasing Helene Motorcycle Ride

Storm Chasers:

Ron Watson, Don Wikert, Bob Partin and Ronnie Watson, Jr.

For the record we stayed for 4 nights in London, which is located in the southeastern region of Kentucky, riding the area looking for storm damage. Helene left only a few down trees to what we found. The following is a summary of some of the routes we rode.

- ✓ First was the Rattlesnake Daniel Boone National Forest Ride. This route took us through four counties and included the legendary Rattlesnake.
- ✓ Next was the Mine Portal 31 Ride. This route took us through the Appalachian Mountains to historic Harlan County Kentucky and the town of Lynch. Lynch was built in 1917 and was the world's largest coal camp at the time. We were able to tour Portal No. 31 where we got the unique experience of traveling through the mine in a rail car. This route also took us over Black Mountain into Virginia. For those of you who have never encountered Black Mountain.....put it on your bucket list. Black Mountain is over 4100 feet high and has 10 times more curves than the Dragon.
- ✓ Continuing, we made our way to Tennessee's Sgt. York Country. This route took us across the southern Kentucky border into Pall Mall, Tennessee, to the home of World War 1 hero Sgt. Alvin C. York, one of the most celebrated soldiers in American history. This is a state park and listed on the U.S. National Registry of Historic Places. The grounds included a house, church, mill, post office, cemetery, and more. This route also took us into the Central Time Zone as we entered Tennessee.
- ✓ And finally, let not forget our stop in Corbin, Kentucky. The home, café and museum of Colonel Harland Sanders home of the original KFC recipe.

In summary, what a way for three (3) old men and one (1) soon to be, to have the opportunity to enjoy this small portion of our life. We were like kids in a toy box. We will talk about this for a life time.

UP COMING EVENTS

2024 EVENTS

November

2024 West Virginia II Bingo: Chapter is hosting a Bingo on Saturday, November 9th, 2024. Doors open at noon; Early birds start at 2 and main games start at 3 pm.

2024 West Virginia II Cash Bash: Shinnston American Legion, Saturday evening, November 9th, 2024 at 6 pm. Shinnston American Legion Post 31, 76 Bridge Street, Shinnston, WV. Workers, please arrive at 5 pm.

2024 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 starts at noon on Monday, November 11, 2024.**

2024 Harrison County Area Annual Toy Run; Sunday, December 1st, 2024, bikers will meet at South Harrison High School parking lot at noon and kickstands up at 1:00 pm.

2025 EVENTS

2025 Winter Mason Dixon Conference, February 14th – 16th, 2025: Hosted by Maryland I. Winter MDC at the Holiday Inn, 10000 Baltimore Ave, College Park, Maryland. Room Rate is \$124.00 plus taxes. Call hotel at 240-542-1226, ask for Mason Dixon Conference Block. Registration for the event is \$105.00 per person.

2025 Spring Southern Regional Conference, April 10th to 13th, 2025: Hosted by Louisiana XVI. Spring SRC at the Holiday Inn Baton Rouge, South 9990 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 225-924-7021. Room Rate is \$119.00 plus taxes. Registration for the event is \$100.00 per person. Contact person: David Whittenberg 225-385-5313.

2025 Spring Mason Dixon Conference, May 23rd to 25th, 2025: Hosted by North Carolina chapter some place near Greensboro is hosting the Spring MDC at the

2025 Wild & Wonderful Knights, Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Pipestem Resort State Park, 3405 Pipestem Dr, Pipestem, WV. June 13th – 15th, 2025. **FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CALL: Pipestem Resort State Park, 304-466-1800; TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE BLUE KNIGHTS GROUP, Rooms \$98.00 per night for standard room. Event registration is \$???per person, and \$??? after April 15th.**

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: Brother Richard Jones had surgery on Tuesday and has to go to Ruby for another one soon. Brother Bobby Ryan has a severely narrowed carotid artery in left side of my neck and a significant mass of tissue and the Dr will be ordering an MRI to see what needs to be done. Brother Lou Steven's s/o is recovering from surgery on her wrist.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, November 14th, 2024 at 7 PM. Location will be the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Drawing: October drawing is \$20.00. Brother Randy Biggins name was drawn but he was not present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. The November drawing will be worth \$25.00.

Members in Attendance: Fred LePera, Ron Watson, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Mike Neely, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Robert Davis II, Ronnie Watson Jr, Lewis Stevens, Zach Kesling, and Walter Knight.

Guest: Brandi Knight and Becky Green.

Facebook: Bill Bradley, Ruth Medwith Stone, Jane Watson and Gunars Berzin, and Marty McNulty.

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Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, November 14th, 2024 at 7 PM.

Hey, just to let you know that if you are a Blue Knight member you can join the Justice Federal Credit Union for just \$5.00 and also get one of their credit cards.

It would be great to get as many chapter members as possible to join up.

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