



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Just wanted to let everyone know that we have approved the Contracts with Village Square and Bucks for another year.

We also have been working hard on the chapter bylaws for nearly two (2) years and we are very close to having them approved by the executive board and maybe to the membership by the October meeting. If not I hope it will be ready by the November meeting for a vote by the general membership.

Also don't forget the chapter Halloween costume party October 25th, at Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. We would like to know how many members will be there also. This will be our first one and I hope we have several members that will attend. Our local FOP had one last year and we had a blast. Just don't ask Rexann about the Nun.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, October 9th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at the Hickory House Restaurant, 1137 U.S. Highway 19 N, Jane Lew, WV, 26378. Have you forgotten to pay your dues for 2014? If so please get them in ASAP. Dues are \$25.00. We will begin collection for the 2015 annual dues as of October 1st, 2014, and I hope everyone continues their membership in the New Year.

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.

I know some of you have already paid in advance so if you have that is great or if you are not sure contact Ed he will have that listed in the membership list. So if you have not sent yours in yet please do so soon. This year is almost over. If we do not receive your 2014 and 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 all 24 members that have not paid we will be losing 2 honorary members.

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

Richard & Bridget Swisher

SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, October 9th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at the Hickory House Restaurant, 1137 U.S. Highway 19 N, Jane Lew, WV, 26378. 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 24 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.

All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

Chapter is also going to have a First Aid and CPR Class on Saturday, October 11th, 2014, Clarksburg Fire Dept. We are looking at a good turnout for this safety class.

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

Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer

ROLL CALL

Members at September 11th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, Meagher's Irish Pub, Bridgeport, WV.

Marty McNulty, Gene Botting, Rexann Martin, Ed Martin, Fred LePera, Randy Biggins, Lewis Stevens, Doug Baker, John McCloud,
Guests: Tammy Linger,

Chapter Safety Officer

THE T-CLOCK INSPECTION

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation created the T-CLOCK mnemonic as a memory and organization ad for a pre-ride safety check of a typical motorcycle. Each letter represents a particular inspection category, as follows:

T - Tires & Wheels

C - Controls

L - Lights & Electrics

O - Oil

C - Chassis

K - Kickstand

TIRES AND WHEELS

Tires: Pressure correct (cold), tread condition. No cut, bulges, punctures of foreign objects.

Wheels: Spokes tight and intact; rims true; no free play when flexed; bearing seals intact; spin freely.

Brakes: Firm feel; sufficient pad depth, no leaks or links in hoses or cables.

CONTROLS

Levers: Pivot bolt and nut; action and position correct; pivots lubed.

Cables: Ends and shafts lubed; no fraying or kinks; no binding when handlebar turned; proper adjustment.

Hoses: Check for damage or leaks, proper routing.

Throttle: Snaps closed freely when released; no excess play.

LIGHTS

Brake and Taillight(s): All filaments work; both levers actuate brake light.

Headlight: All filaments work; properly aimed; no damage.

Lenses: Clean; no condensation; tight.

Reflectors: Clean; intact.

Battery: Fluid level; terminals clean and tight; held down securely; vent tube not kinked or mis-routed.

Wiring: Check for pinching or fraying; properly routed; no corrosion.

OIL AND FLUIDS

Levels: Brake fluid, oil, final drive, transmission, coolant, fuel.

Leaks: Check all systems for leaks.

Condition: Check color of brake fluid & coolant.

CHASSIS

Frame: Paint lifting or peeling may indicate cracking.

Steering head & swingarm bearings: Lift wheels off floor, grab lower fork legs and pull and push to feel for play; repeat at rear. Turn fork to feel for detents in bearings.

Suspension: Smooth movement; proper adjustment; no leaks.

Chain or belt: Tension; lube, look for wear.

Fasteners: Look for missing or loose threaded fasteners, clips, pins.

KICKSTAND

Sidestand: Retracts firmly; no bending or damage; cutout switch operates; spring intact.
Centerstand: Retracts firmly, no damage.

Ride With Pride Walter Knight

MDC Safety Officer

Mason Dixon Safety Article BRAKING & SWERVING

This article is like all articles in the past, everything listed below is only suggestions. If you don't remember anything else from this article, you must practice braking and swerving to stay proficient. One of the ways is to set up paper cups in a empty parking lot to practice the swerves or quick stops (I use tennis balls cut in half and painted bright orange, your front wheel won't slide if it is on top of it in a brake or swerve). Have somebody with you in case you have a mishap or trouble with your bike.

The second important thing is to "ALWAYS" apply both brakes fully without locking either brake. The third important thing is "ALWAYS" straighten the handle bars before applying brakes in a curve. If you don't, you are going to feel something up close and personal, the ground/pavement. If you have a passenger or your bike is fully loaded with a large bag of clothes and other gear the bike will handle differently. If you're not able to do the above then you should take a safety course somewhere. It might just save your life.

A lot of riders aren't aware of the type of brakes their bikes have or unaware of how they react in some situations. There are several types of brakes on motorcycles. One: Integrated Brakes-Application of the rear brake will apply some application to the front brake. Two: Linked Brakes-Apply brake, front or rear, will apply pressure to other brake. Three: Anti-Brakes (some riders refer to them as ABS Brakes)-They are designed to prevent or minimize skidding in a quick stop in a straight line. The ABS brake pads cycle/apply several times a second when applied instead of a steady pressure like others do. By the brake pads cycling on and off this will reduce the chance of a skid. They're models of ABS brakes. One of the models will only apply pressure to the wheel that you apply the brake to, 2014 VALKYRIE. The other has the ABS-LINKED BRAKES, will apply pressure to both brakes no matter which brake you apply and the brake pads cycle, 2014 GOLD WINGS & F6Bs. ABS brakes don't cycle unless above 5mph. Fourth-Single brakes, mostly on old motorcycles. If you apply the front brake lever it will only apply pressure to the front brake. If you apply the rear foot brake it will only apply pressure to the rear brake.

The next thing that you will have to decide in an emergency situation do you make a quick stop or swerve. You will only have a fraction of a second to decide. If you, stop will the vehicle behind you run over you? If you swerve, will you hit a oncoming vehicle or a tree. This is why you must be aware of your surrounding at all times

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Road Captains

Collaborative Group Riding

Ride Your Own Ride AND Respect The Others

By: James R. Davis

When you ride in a group it is unquestionably your first priority to take care of yourself - to ride within your limits and the limits of your bike, regardless of what the rest of the group does. That's often been described as 'Riding your own ride'.

But you ARE in a group and that means some new responsibilities and behaviors apply. You ride at the speed the group rides, you stay in the lanes chosen by the lead bike, You stop when and where the group stops. Sounds a lot like you are riding THEIR ride as much as your own, doesn't it?

In business, management has recently come to realize that 'team work' is not always the best way to get things done. Sometimes it is better to work as a group of collaborators than as a team. A motorcycle drill team is a clear example of team work - everybody is expected to do no more nor less than what is required by the boss to get the job done. Independent thought is valued, but only to the extent that it contributes to the team doing its job.

When riding in a group there is certainly some team work going on, but each and every person in that group is expected to 'ride their own ride'. Doesn't that sound just a little bit different to you than each person being expected to do whatever it takes to make the team effort successful?

In collaborative efforts the assumption is that each individual is expert/proficient in some specialty while generally being able to function in team efforts. That is a very subtle difference in attitude. For example, in a collaborative effort, it is not unusual to find debate about what should be done next as each individual contributes based on their expertise. What IS unusual in a collaborative effort is that there is any rancor in these debates [well, there are sometimes rather harsh arguments, but the point is that each member is heard and contributes based on their specialty.] Each member RESPECTS the expertise of the other members and will generally defer gracefully to that expertise. Further, in a collaborative effort the group will do what the boss (lead bike) tells them to do unless there is a good reason not to.

The result is that almost invariably you have the best of the best from the best, though it looks like team work.

Back to motorcycling in a group ... some in the group have more stamina, some have better night vision, some have better navigation skills, some have better familiarity with the surroundings, some have better emergency preparedness or EMS training, some are better diplomats. You get the picture.

Respecting the skills and uniquenesses of each of the rest of the team results in getting the best of the best from the best. Respecting yourself is riding your own ride. Respecting the others is collaborative group riding. The group leader/road Captain in a well functioning collaborative effort has certain responsibilities, each of the rest have theirs, and with respect, together they all decide on the best way to do things for the group.

Rather than the lead bike making all the decisions for the group, in a collaborative effort, he/she will consult with the others and give serious consideration to the expertise therein. Strategic decisions (destination) remain the leader's responsibility while tactical decisions (how) might well come from the members. Dictatorship it's not. Nor is it a drill team. Rather, it is a group of 'professionals' engaged in a cooperative effort designed for the benefit of all. Safe arrival and a good time with maximum contribution and participation by each may look like team work, but is more.

This is merely a proposed way to organize and function in a group. I posted it to invite you to think about it and, possibly, to create a new dynamic in how we all function when riding as a group.

Ride smart.

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

Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Rex Talkington, and John "Spot" McCloud

Chaplain's Corner

Riding my two-wheeler around Stonewall Jackson lake I could not help but notice some of the wildflowers that signal the fading of summer and the arrival of fall. I have even seen some trees with yellow or red leaves.

These changes bring a lot of mixed feelings for most of us. We dread the cold and snow, but look forward to the beautiful fall colors, the comfortable temperatures and the advent of bow season. One reason that I have been in West Virginia for over 40 years instead of moving back to the deep South is that I enjoy the changing of the seasons.

Like the seasons of the years, the seasons of our lives also bring change. From infancy to old age and death we experience the different activities and interests of our lives. We are particularly aware of the external changes such as starting to school, graduating, marrying, watching our kids start to school and move away from home. Mid-life can be filled with turbulence and sometimes unpredictable behavior as we attempt to adjust to physical changes of aging. Later, retirement and loss of friends through death remind us that nothing stays the same.

These external changes are accompanied by internal changes: our attitudes, our goals, our values and our deepest longings. While these changes may sometimes be frightening, they, like the seasons of the year have their purpose. In a book, From Image to Likeness, the author suggests that these internal changes represent our struggle for wholeness. The author invites us to see these changes as God calling us into His likeness. To understand the changes as having a purpose and as being normal allows us to respond to them in healthy and constructive ways.

Like a groundhog I would like to skip us of the seasons of my life by hibernating. On the other hand these changes speak of the continuous creative activity of God in my life. Hopefully I am moving into a clearer likeness of Him.

Del Parris
Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII

State Rep's Report

SORRY I THE MISSED THE LAST MEETING. I WAS NOT THERE DUE TO FAMILY. LINDA CAME HOME ON THURSDAY. SURGERY WENT WELL, NOW ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY. THANKS TO ALL THE BLUE KNIGHT FAMILY THAT CHECKED UP ON US.

THE CULPEPER, VIRGINA RALLY WAS A LOT OF FUN FOR LINDA AND I AND SEEMED ALL HAD A GOOD TIME. BLUE KNIGHTS FROM WVII MET OLD FRIENDS AND THERE WERE MANY NEW KNIGHTS FROM ALL OVER EASTERN UNITED STATES THAT I HAD NOT MET BEFORE. ALL IN ALL HAD A VERY GOOD TIME, IF ANYONE DID NOT IT WAS THERE FAULT. VIRGINA II PUT ON AS USUAL A GREAT TIME FOR ALL.

THE MEETING SUNDAY MORNING WAS FOLLOWED BY A STATE REP. MEETING HELD BY VICE CHAIRMAN J.J. LIGHTNER. THE MEETING WAS ABOUT RECRUITMENT OF BLUE KNIGHTS IN MDC. IT IS REQUESTED BLUE KNIGHTS REACH OUT TO OTHER MOTORCYCLE CHAPTERS TO SEE IF ANY MAY HAVE BACK GROUND TO BE BLUE KNIGHTS. REQUESTED WE TOUCH BASES WITH HOG CHAPTERS, MSF INSTRUCTORS, OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT CLUBS, MILITARY POLICE AT ANY LOCAL MILITARY LOCATIONS. TRY AND HAVE MEMBERS IN COLORS AT ANY LOCAL OFFICER DOWN PROBLEMS OR FIRST RESPONDER. REQUEST BLUE KNIGHTS SEND MEMO TO CHIEFS AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENTS, THAT THERE ARE BLUE KNIGHTS IN THEIR AREA TO AID IN ANY PROBLEM OR FUCTION WE MAY ATTEND AS BLUE KNIGHTS LEMC.

BLUE KNIGHTS WERE REQUESTED TO PLACE RECRUITING POSTERS AT FIREARM SHOPS, GUN RANGES, POLICE ACADEMIES, MOTORCYCLE DEALERSHIPS, REPAIR SHOPS OR ANY WHERE A FUTURE BLUE KNIGHT MY SEE WE ARE OUT THERE. CONTACT REQUESTED OF RED KNIGHTS OR GREEN KNIGHTS, OR MILITARY BIKE RIDERS FOR POSSIBALE RECRUITMENT. WE AS BLUE KNIGHTS ARE LOSING MEMBERS, WV HAS LOST A CHAPTER, BETWEEN THE LAST MDC MEETING THIS ONE.

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BLUE KNIGHTS ARE REQUESTED TO PLACE RECRUITING POSTERS AT FIRE ARMS SHOPS, GUN RANGES, POLICE ACADEMIES, MOTOR CYCLE SALES AND SHOPS DEALERSHIPS. ANY PLACE A FUTURE BLUE KNIGHT MAY BE RECRUITED. WE AS BLUE KNIGHTS ARE LOOSING MEMBERS, WV HAS LOST A COMPLETE CHAPTER, AND BETWEEN THE LAST MDC MEETING IN HAGERSTOWN, MD AND CULPEPER, VA MDC MEETING WE LOST FOUR CHAPTERS. MOST WE BELIEVE STARTED THERE OWN LAW ENFORCEMENT TYPE CLUB. THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 72 CHAPTERS IN MASON DIXON CONFERENCE; THERE WERE 23 CHAPTERS REPRESENTED AT CULPEPER RALLY. THIS MEETING WAS ELECTION OF MDC OFFICERS. THE ONLY ONE IN CONTEST WAS TREASURER. THAT WAS WON BY LONNIE LOYAL.

THE NEXT MDC MEETING WILL BE THE WINTER CONFERENCE AT DANVILLE, VA. IN FEB. 2015.

RIDE WITH PRIDE, RIDE SAFE,

MARSHALL PARKER

WEST VIRGINIA STATE REP/ MEMBER WV II

From Membership

Great info about the tanker trucks. Common sense but something I never thought of.

My shoulder operation was a bit less intrusive than I thought, so I should be back in action in a couple of weeks. The nerve block pump just ran out and I got to the Oxycodone ALMOST in time.

Richard - would you please let me know if I owe dues, and when they're due next. The only card I have is 2 years old and I've paid up since then. (Sorry to put this here, but I don't have your E Mail.)

I'm looking forward to the next meeting - an Irish Pub. Tsula can drive!

Tsula and I going to help put on the Halloween Party, and are going to try to make it a memorable 1st one. Ed's going to come either as the Stay Puffed Marshmallow Man, in which case no costume will be needed, or else as a Cherokee relative of Tsulas, in a breech clout and moccasins. The Moccasins are optional.

See ya'll there!

Eugene D Botting

US Customs and Border Protection, retired

Proud gun toter and cunning artificer

Troy, West Virginia

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)

1620 Locust Ave, Suite 100, Fairmont, WV 26554 681-404-6057 MJCYCLEWORKS@outlook.com

Hours: Mon-Fri 9 AM to 6 PM Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM

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

UP COMING EVENTS

2014 West Virginia II, Saturday, October 24th, 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 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. Bill Sothen recovering from vehicle rear-ending his motorcycle (sore but alright).

Drawing

Drawing at this meeting was for \$35.00, and the name that was drawn was Randy Biggins. That means that the October 2014 meeting will be worth \$5.00.

Month Meeting Locations

Our next meeting will be Thursday evening, October 9th, 2014, at 19:00 hours, at the Hickory House Restaurant, 1137 U.S. Highway 19 N, Jane Lew, WV, 26378. There will be an Executive Board Meeting at 18:30 hours (6:30 pm) just before the regular meeting.

