



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



September 2018 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

The chapter has revised the chapter bylaws at the September meeting. I have sent every member a copy by email. You should print your copy off and keep them. That way if you have any questions about the Blue Knights you can check it out with the bylaws. Please check out some of the events listed below and see if you can make it to one of the events. Our chapter has donated \$500.00 to both the Mason Dixon Conference and Southern Regional Conference to help members that were affected by Hurricane Florence.

Ride with Pride,

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 11th, 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.

I have organized another ride for Big Mike's BBQ in Uniontown, PA. It will be on Saturday, September 29, 2018. Everyone meet at the Burger King, Exit 10 off I-68 (near Cheat Lake) at 11:30 hours. Kickstands up at 12:00 hours. Any questions contact Jim Enoch at 304-216-8179.

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

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 11th, 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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Marty McNulty

ROLL CALL

September 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 **Bounding Bimbi's**

“In Deer Country, a Smart Rider Is Prepared for a Quick Stop”

You're out for an early ride in the country, away from the hassles of traffic. The narrow backroad on which you travel passes farms and curves through a shady forest. You're aware of the hazards of backroads, such as loose gravel and wet leaves, so for this ride you're wearing your most protective riding gear: leathers, gloves and full-coverage helmet. And you plan to keep the gear on even when the sun begins to warm the air.

You settle into a comfortably aggressive ride, slowing only for locations where there are narrow bridges and many hidden driveways. When you enter a deer migration area, you maintain speed, but watch carefully for wild deer alongside the road.

Suddenly, as you round a tight turn, you see a brown shape in the left ditch-perhaps a log or a soggy cardboard box. But a second later, the brown shape raises its head, and you instantly recognize the tall ears of a deer. But the deer just continues to stand there munching, so you assume you can cruise by without any evasive action.

But a second or two before you pass, the deer springs into action, scrambling onto the pavement directly in front of you. You attempt to brake and swerve, but the deer darts one way and then the other, and you can't avoid a collision that knocks both you and the deer to the pavement. Fortunately, neither of you is seriously hurt. The deer clatters away, leaving you to survey the damage to your bike. You silently congratulate yourself for wearing your leathers today.

** The reason for deer signs is that there is a history of numerous deer strikes in that area. So, when you enter a deer zone, you should expect to encounter wild deer grazing alongside or leaping across the road. Deer typically spring into action as a vehicle gets close. The best tactic for avoiding a deer strike is to be prepared for a quick stop. If you see a deer next to the road you should immediately brake, especially if the deer is facing the road and, therefore, most likely to leap in your direction.

//From Motorcycle Consumer News "Street Strategies" by David L. Hough.
"A Survival Guide for Motorcyclists"

Ride With Pride
Walter Knight

Road Captains

As we are merging into the Fall season, we would like to remind the public of the dangers of slick roads due to leaves from the trees. When the leaves get wet, it produces the equal of "black ice" and creates hazardous road conditions. Please be mindful of changing road conditions, and also look out for other drivers. This was borrowed this from Sheriff Dan Loughrie.

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

Chaplain's Corner

I recently attended a conference in Wheeling sponsored by the Congregation of St. Joseph. The speaker, Sister Pat Bergen, asked the participants what our biggest concerns for our world were. Of course, the responses came quickly as we all are good at describing the problems: drugs, sex trafficking, the environment, the sex scandal in the church, the rise of violence, natural disasters. (I wanted to add: people who don't give turn signals, but that seemed trivial.) Then she asked what we were doing about these problems. It suddenly became quieter.

Of course, we all know it is easier to identify problems than to fix them. We have all been part of a group sitting around reminding each other what is wrong with the world. I have done that and you have. However, we rarely leave the group with a plan to do something. I am convinced that this creates a sense of helplessness and leads to depression, or at the least, to a negative attitude about life. This negativism is reinforced when we are together again.

Sister Pat reminded us that we are not helpless and that all of us can do something, no matter how small. Maybe we can be more conscientious about re-cycling, using less water, or using our vehicle engine more efficiently. Maybe we can become involved in local politics to create or to change policies, contact our representatives to let them know our position on issues (I have done this a couple of times and received return calls from state legislatures saying it is helpful to know what people are thinking), volunteer to mentor a recovering addict.

We can always spread kindness and compassion by being kind and compassionate, thus diluting the strength of negativity and violence. Instead of encouraging the negative attitude in our group we can suggest a discussion of solutions, of actions we can take to diminish the problems. Of course, no one of us can change the whole world at once, but we can change a small part. Paul wrote to Timothy, a young Christian disciple, "...for God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power and love and self-control." Don't be helpless; do something!

Del Parris

Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

Committee Reports

Membership Articles

There is a way to report potholes and other things on the road that need fixed. It is on West Virginia Department of Transportation's website, www.transportation.wv.gov. Once on their website, you will see near the top left quadrant a link that says "Request Roadwork". Just click on that and it will take you directly to a submission form. Once there, there is an interactive map that you can scroll and zoom in on to the exact location of the issue and drop a pin. This will give the DOH GPS coordinates of the exact location of the issue. You will have to type some other information in also to help the DOH understand what the issue is.

I have had good luck with submitting larger potholes this way. Typically, on larger more dangerous potholes, they have filled them in a few days after I submitted this way. There are some things I have reported that did not get fixed right away. At least there is a mechanism to report the problems.

Robert L Davis II

Heroes are those who risk their lives every day to protect our world and make it a better place.... Law Enforcement, Firefighters, and members of our Armed Forces.....

UP COMING EVENTS

2018 KORT (Knights of the Round Table); Hosted by Red Knights TN 7, October 11 – 14, 2018. Event will be at the River Terrace Resort & Convention Center, 240 River Road, Gatlinburg, TN 37738. For room reservation call 1-877-502-7058 then select option 3 then 1, Group Code 63-572. Registration for the chapter is \$45.00 per person. Contact info is president@redknightsmc.com or region4@yahoo.com if you have any questions. This is an event for the Blue Knights, Red Knights and Green Knights.

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.

Sick - Ill or in Distress: Tsula Botting and Zadah Talkington, keep them in your prayers.

Drawing: The September 13th, 2018 was worth \$5.00 and since he was present he gets the money. The October drawing will be worth \$10.00.

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