



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



September 2019 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Received word that the Gold Star Mothers Memorial will **not** be on October 2nd. Here is what I got from Brenda Wamsley: "Marshall is going to notify all the chapter presidents, but I wanted to make sure you got it quickly The Gold Star Memorial Dedication is on hold. The dedication was scheduled for October 2nd, but the black granite from India is somewhere on a slow boat. Once it gets to Atlanta, Ga to be cute and etched it's usually another 80 to 90 days. To say Mr. Williams is upset is an understatement. I will let you know ASAP when a new date is selected."

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.

Remember that later this year our chapter will have an election for officer for the 2020 & 2021 years. Nomination will be at next months' October meeting. If you are interested in running please send me an article so I can put it in the newsletter for the members to know that you are running. Election will be at the November meeting.

We have a new Quartermaster, his name is Robert Davis and he is working hard on getting our stock of shirts, hats, etc., up and having them in stock. So, if you need any items then you can go through him.

We are working on getting an order for the new embroidered polo shirts, without name they are \$30.00 with name they are \$35.00. Working on embroidered t-shirts no set price as of today. We are also going to order some of the shirts with the international logo (colors) on the back. So, if you are interested please contact us so we can get your order in with the rest.

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.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

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Catch the fever.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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Respectfully,

George D. "Robby" Robinson

Blue Knights WVII Secretary

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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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ROLL CALL

September Roll Call: Robby Robinson, Randy Biggins, Doug Baker, Don Wikert, Fred LePera, Lewis Stevens, Mike Neely, Ron Watson, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Rene Noe, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Marty McNulty, Bill Kacinec, Robert Davis, and Gerald Menendez

Guest: Becky Green.

Joining meeting online: Justice Carver, Steve Hamling, Carmen Hamling, Geri Mack, Bill Row, Dan Loughrie, Donna Loughrie, Rich Springer, Margie Lebron-Shiev, Chuckie Diaz, Mike Barnhart, Fred McComas, Brenda Wamsley, Jane Watson, Cal Ennals, Dominic Squillace, Larry Bailey, Richard Smith and Bridget Swisher.

Chapter Safety Officer

Defective Helmets

A helmet is by far the most important and most effective piece of protective equipment a motorcycle driver or passenger can wear. Helmets save lives by reducing the extent of head injuries in the event of a traffic accident. A helmetless motorcyclist involved in an accident is three times as likely to suffer a brain injury as a motorcyclist wearing a helmet, and a large number of motorcyclists die each year because of head injuries sustained in accidents. Because of this danger, motorcycle operators and passengers in many states are required by statute to wear safety helmets.

The government issues motorcycle helmet-related recalls several times a year for safety defects. You can check to see which helmets have been recalled recently by visiting www.odi.nhtsa.dot.gov

Here's a good source of information for selecting a helmet for yourself or a loved one: <http://www.motorcyclecruiser.com>

Mandatory Helmet Laws

Despite a lack of support among some motorcyclists, a number of states have enacted statutes requiring the use of protective equipment when riding a motorcycle. Some of these laws require that a motorcycle rider and/or his or her passenger wear equipment such as goggles or face shields, but most common (and most controversial) are those laws that require the wearing of a helmet. Mandatory helmet laws for motorcycle operators and their passengers have, for the most part, proven to be an effective strategy in both increasing helmet use and reducing head injuries and fatalities in motorcycle accidents nationwide. But, while having an unmistakably positive effect on the overall safety of motorcycle riding, helmet laws have been met by resistance in the motorcycling community.

The most vocal opposition to helmet laws has come by way of challenges to the legality of the laws themselves. Although in some cases, specific language in helmet statutes has been successfully attacked on constitutional grounds, the principle of requiring motorcyclists and their passengers to wear safety helmets has consistently been upheld as constitutional.

Failure to Wear a Helmet

In a personal injury action brought by an injured motorcyclist, the opposing motorist may raise an issue with regard to the motorcyclist's own negligence. A motorcyclist's legal recovery might be barred, or reduced, as a result of his/her contributory negligence in causing the accident. In defining what constitutes contributory negligence, there is an important distinction between negligence contributing to the accident and negligence contributing to the injuries sustained. An act or omission that merely increases or adds to the extent of the injuries suffered by the motorcyclist will not itself defeat a legal recovery.

In a number of states that have enacted mandatory helmet statutes, the laws either: (1) provide only for criminal penalties, or (2) do not state what effect a violation has on the determination of whether a motorcyclist was negligent. Thus, in these jurisdictions, and in those that do not have helmet laws, the effect of a motorcyclist's failure to wear a helmet on the determination of his negligence is unsettled. In such states, the failure to wear a helmet may be found to constitute negligence on the part of a motorcyclist, or may be relevant to the issue of injuries and damages where it appears the failure to wear a helmet was a substantial factor in bringing about the motorcyclist's injuries.

In some states, the failure to wear a helmet as required by a statute is treated as any other possible act of negligence on the part of a motorcyclist, such as traveling at an excessive rate of speed or failing to use turn signals. In such states, when the failure to wear a helmet contributes to the motorcyclist's injuries, it is deemed a proximate cause of his injuries and it may serve to bar or limit his or her recovery. However, when the failure contributes in no way to the motorcyclist's injuries, it is not a proximate cause and it has no effect on the motorcyclist's ability to recover.

Not all jurisdictions have laws requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets, and some courts have held that evidence of an injured motorcycle rider's failure to wear a helmet is inadmissible in the rider's personal injury lawsuit. It is extremely important to discuss the facts of your case with an experienced attorney who understands the relevant helmet and evidentiary laws that will apply in your case.

Cheap Helmets

Thinking of saving a little money when buying a helmet? [Read this article and think again!](#)

Ride with Pride,

Walter Knight

Road Captains

Bounding Bambis

“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"

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

Chaplain's Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

Hello....

I just wanted to send a short paragraph saying that I accepted the Quartermaster position and I look forward to performing the duties and responsibilities of that position. I have created a "catalog" of all the items our chapter has for sale. It's a PowerPoint presentation, so if you want a copy of it, I can email it to you. I have been working on getting all the points of contact together for all the items we have. This will make ordering a little easier. I am also in the process of ordering several items that we are running low on. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

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Committee Reports

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 Justice Carver, Brother Fred LePera, Brother Mike Neely, Brother Lewis Stevens and Sister Geri Mack from MD I.

Drawing: The September drawing was \$5.00. Brother Ron Watson won the drawing and put the money back into the pot. The October drawing will be worth \$10.00.

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