



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

It was nice to see nine (9) members at the September meeting and we also had 2 members on the Zoom conference. We had guest from the FOP Lodge #87 out of Morgantown that gave us information about the Purposed creation of the Citizen's Police Review Board. They advised that the Morgantown City Council has formed a Special Committee with the express purpose of creating a Citizen's Police Review Board. On June 30th, 2020, the Morgantown City Council did just that; the committee was formed, and a resolution produced after three meetings with very little input from officers and no members from FOP Lodge 87. On August 4th, that resolution came to the attention of a small number of the rank and file officers at the department. It was discovered that many items in this resolution violate the rights of police officers provided under Chapter 8 of the WV State Code, including civil service hiring, due process rights for police officers facing discipline and protections for officers seeking promotions. They also advised that at the last term of the legislature the house attempted to pass a similar bill (HB 4563) which did not get out of committee. They believe that with this big push by city councils that the bill may be reintroduced and have more support. They were wanting our chapter to get the word out about what is going on within the State.

As most of you know the Fall MDC to be hosted by VA II in Culpeper, VA was canceled also. At the Zoom meeting the election of officers was held and we have the same members as officers on the board. We were also advised that no chapter bid for the 2021 Winter MDC to be held in February. Virginia V from Virginia Beach stood up and advised they would hold the Winter Conference at the Delta Hotel, in Chesapeake, VA in February 2021. Details will be out soon. Virginia V will also be holding a Summer Bash in 2021 at the same location in July. As soon as I get the information, I will get it out to all of you.

The chapter voted to support the Lost Creek Lions Club with the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Wreaths Across America Program again this year. The Chapter also voted to support the Clarksburg VFW Veterans Day Parade with a monetary donation.

Fall Qualifications will be Saturday evening at 6 pm. October 17, 2020.

Harrison County Deputy Sheriff's Association Firing Range, Reynoldsville, WV.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Hopefully this finds the Brother n Sister members and their family in good health n spirits. Plan A is our Mason Dixon conference in Elkins. Please make room reservation now. Hope weather holds out for rides and a poker walk. Businesses need it as we do. I sincerely think a blood drive is needed. I truly would like to see Brad Paisley/Payton Manning do a commercial with Blue Knights regarding Motorcycle safety and what we do. **Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 8th, 2020 at 7 PM.** The October meeting will be at the Clubhouse and on Zoom video.

Respectfully,
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TREASURER'S NOTES:

All bills are paid and chapter doing well and financially sound.

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 **Counter-steering Is only Half** **Of the Story**

By: James R. Davis

To my mind there is entirely too much confusion about the transition point between steering and counter-steering. You really should UNDERSTAND what is happening at that time.

First, you NEED to know that when your bike is moving at faster than about 6-8 MPH you can ONLY counter-steer. It is not optional. It is not a decision you get to make. Physics determines what happens when you push on one grip or the other, not you.

So, most of you do know that above that speed threshold should you press on the right grip, for example, your bike will turn to the RIGHT. That's counter-steering.

But what not one in ten of you has intellectualized and understand in a way that allows you to use that knowledge is that at steering speeds (slow), if you are in a turn and use your brakes your scoot will fall DOWN but at counter-steering speeds and in that curve when you use your brakes your bike will 'fall' UP!!!!

Further, at steering speeds (slow), if you use your brakes when in a curve you will SHORTEN the curve and at counter-steering speeds if you use your brakes in that curve you will WIDEN the turn.

Counter-steering is only half the story!

Get your head around the idea that at faster speeds YOU DO NOT LEAN YOUR BIKE, IT LEANS ITSELF! Your bike 'dials in' the lean angle, not you. At faster speeds when you use your throttle your bike dials in a STEEPER lean angle while at slower (steering) speeds, using your throttle will make your bike stand taller - it is how you 'save' a bike that is about to fall down in a slow-speed turn, no? If you want to lean farther into a fast turn you increase throttle and maintain the same radius. That is exactly the opposite of what you do at slow speed.

The dynamics of your motorcycle reverse at about 6 MPH. Counter-steering is an important part of that, but that's not the whole story. And now you know 'the rest of the story.'

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Ride with Pride, Walter Knight

Road Captains Higher-Octane Gasoline Is Cheaper Than A Top-End Engine Job

By: James R. Davis

An apparently handy man with his tools recently posted a message in which he described a method for tuning your engine without having all the special shop tools found at your motorcycle dealership. Among other things, he said:

quote:

"Does your motor ping? If it pings *slightly*, you're right on the mark. If she pings horribly, you need to retard your timing (rotate timing plate same direction as engine rotation). You can pull over and do this by the side of the road. If she doesn't ping at all, advance your timing a little."

'Pinging', in my opinion, damages an engine. Indeed, I have been told by a world class wrench that for every hour your engine runs while pinging you lose about ONE YEAR of life of normal 'ping-free' engine operations.

I full well recognize that the person was describing a technique to time your engine without the tools your mechanic has at his disposal and that he takes care to suggest that it should only ping 'slightly' when done. That, it seems to me, is still 'pinging' and is too much.

There was a time when I did all my own wrenching (30 years ago). Besides the fact that technology has evolved faster than my ability to keep up with it, I have come to believe that both my time and my life (and that of any passenger I might have with me) are far too valuable to fail to use an expert who is properly equipped/trained to take care of all but the most trivial of maintenance on my motorcycle for me - regardless of the cost. If my motorcycle pinged 'slightly' after I had it in the shop for a timing adjustment I would take it back and have the mechanic correct it, and there is no doubt in my mind whatever that he would do so.

Assuming your engine is properly tuned, then you need to think about the octane rating of the fuel you use.

Octane ratings

I think that some attention should be paid by all of us to both altitude and temperature in the selection of our fuels. When it is hot a higher octane is often called for. The closer to sea level you are, the more likely you should be running with a grade of gasoline above 'regular'. Note, however, that the newer your motorcycle is, the less likely you need to run anything other than 'regular' - ever. Motorcycles manufactured after about 1980 (other than the odd 'Boxer Twin') were made to run quite well with regular gasoline. In the middle of summer, if you notice a slight pinging from your engine, a medium grade of gasoline might be just the right 'fix', and it's cheap.

Using a higher octane than is needed does not cause unusual engine wear, though it may tend to cause a carbon build-up within the engine - particularly if you use premium grade. Using a lower rating, if it results in pinging, DOES do engine damage (the theme of this message, after all.)

Pinging is the sound of damage being done to your engine (directly or indirectly - and, of course, it could simply mean that you are driving in too high a gear.) A higher grade of gasoline eliminates pinging - however, it may also merely camouflage what is really wrong by eliminating those pings.) In other words it is perfectly safe (assuming that there is not something fundamentally wrong with your engine and you do not use a higher octane to eliminate symptoms), though a bit more expensive, to use a higher octane gasoline for part of your driving year.

If your bike does not ping (at all) when using regular, fine, use regular. If it does, then move up a grade of gasoline.

I may not be the most conservative motorcycle rider in the world, but paying an extra fractional penny per mile driven seems like cheap preventative maintenance to me.

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

Chaplain’s Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

13AUG20 Inventory:

Coins 64, Hats: Solid 14, Mesh 12, Chapter Pins 80, Paracord bracelet 13, BK WVII Chapter Patch 104, New style BK patch 89, Heaven 1 Patch (no trademark) 76, Big International BK Patch 3, Upper Rocker 8, Lower Rocker 7, Large Chapter Flag 1, BK Medium Patch 7, BK Small Patch 7, LE & MC set 10.

Quartermaster Bank:
Cash \$735.00

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Joke for the Day

I rear-ended a car this morning. So, there we were alongside the road and slowly the other driver got out of his car. You know how sometimes you just get soooo stressed and little things just seem funny? Yeah, well I couldn't believe it... he was a DWARF! He stormed over to my car, looked up at me, and shouted, 'I AM NOT HAPPY!'

So, I looked down at him and said, 'Well, then which one are you?'

Committee Reports/From Membership

NONE

October

October 2, 2020: Harry Carpenter, President of WV1 is making arrangements for us to meet up at The WV State Police Academy at 10:30 am and we will depart to the Capital Complex at 11:15 am. Harry is also securing group parking at the venue. Hope to see many WV Blue Knights there as this is the Memorial each of our chapters donated \$1500 to (total of \$6000). Blue Knights LEMC WV Chapters will be recognized on a major donor marker!

Note: time of dedication ceremony is 1200 pm (noon); October 2nd 2020.

Ride with Cops 18 (hosted by WV III); will be a Poker Run style event where riders/participants have 5 stops to visit.

Date and Time: Sun, October 4, 2020. 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM EDT

Location: Blue Knights WV Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, 2018 8th Avenue, Huntington, WV 25703
Please make every effort to attend. Marshall Parker sent out a previous email with lodging information for those traveling from across the state.

If you need further information contact Marshall Parker or myself (B.J., secretary WV3) My email is tazmo231@comcast.net or cell phone 3045444038.

November

Harrison County Toy Run: November 29, 2020 at South Harrison High School, Lost Creek, WV
Lineup before 12:30 pm. Kickstands up at 1 PM.

December

2020 West Virginia II, Friday, December 11th, 2020, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party
Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm. Ballroom A.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: From Brother Neely just got out of hospital from a fall and Gloria is taking chemo for her condition.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, October 8th, 2020 at 19:00 hours.

Drawing: No drawing because we had a virtual meeting. October meeting drawing will be \$5.00.

Members in attendance:

Ron Watson, Marty McNulty, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Mike Neely, Don Wikert, Fred LePera, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

On Zoom:

Robby Robinson and Lou Stevens.

Next Meeting Location

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