



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Just to let everyone know we are up to 45 members in our chapter right now. Our Vice President Jim Enoch believes he may have one or two more joining soon.

We need to find a couple of members that would like to be on the 2020 Chapter Picnic Committee. Brother Ryan and Sister Tyler were the ones that took care of the 2019 Picnic and they did a great job. If you missed the picnic you missed some wonderful food and a fun evening. If they want to do it again next year that would be great. Just send me an email.

Remember that later this year our chapter will have an election for officer for the 2020 & 2021 years. Nomination will be at the 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. See the information at the bottom of this newsletter about offices and job description.

There are still two members that have not paid their 2019 dues. Please get your 2019 dues sent in ASAP because the 2020-year dues will soon be upon us. We have a couple of members that have joined and not made a meeting since. I need you to come to the meeting for your membership card and certificate of membership.

Just so all the members know our Bingo Game night has changed. Our Bingo Games are now on Friday nights, they are still held at the Village Square Conference Center, 1489 Milford Street, Clarksburg, WV. We had to stop the games on Sunday nights because the number of players dropped all the way down to only 20 to 25 players. We were not making any money. So please get the word out to everyone you know so we can get our numbers on Friday nights up and running. Remember this is where we get most of our money that we use to donate and sponsor our communities.

Ride With Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

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Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

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Respectfully,
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TREASURER'S NOTES:

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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

August Roll Call: Bill Kacinec, Marty McNulty, John "Spot" McCloud, Del Parris, Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Lou Stevens, Walter Knight, Ron Watson, Chuck Luzader, Robby Robinson, Jim Enoch, Rene Noe, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

Joining meeting online: Justice Carver, Russ Swiger, Andy Kolb, Janice & Paul Brady, Bobby Ryan, Mike Neely, Doug Baker, Ethel Tyler, Alice & Mike Baughman.

Other members not WV II: Chuck Diaz, Brian Morton, Rich Springer, Robert Reynolds III, Mike Pollinger, Fred McComas, Richard Smith, Cal Ennals, Bridget Swisher, Dave Mulford, Frank Fallaw, Mark Brubaker, Tia Smith, David Smith, Melinda Parker, and Erin Smith.

Chapter Safety Officer CPR

Must You Do It?

By: James R. Davis

You come upon a motorcycle accident and find that the downed rider is not breathing. You are First-aid trained and know how to perform CPR. Must you do so?

I cannot speak to the legal issues other than to say that there is no law that requires you to put your life at risk - ever. Good Samaritan laws are designed to give you certain legal protections should something happen as a result of your good faith efforts that result in damage or death to the victim - in other words, if you tried to help but you do something wrong (though reasonable) you cannot be found guilty of 'intentional wrong doing' - you are legally provided some 'protection' to encourage you to do just that - to try to help.

Going back to the question: **MUST** you perform CPR if you know how and it is apparent that it is needed? Let me bring this into clear focus for you: You find someone that is **DEAD** and believe you could revive him using CPR. Must you try?

My **OPINION** is that nothing - no law, no moral obligation, no 'contract', and no force of nature - forces you to perform CPR. **HOWEVER**, it appears to me that there is a legal requirement that if you start to perform CPR then **YOU MUST CONTINUE** performing until you are relieved by another person or **CANNOT** any longer do so!!!!!!!

Furthermore, if you have received more than casual training (more than simply receiving a certificate that states that you attended a couple of hours of training once every ten years) there may well be a legal duty for you to try, but for virtually everybody else, no such duty exists.

If it is a family member or a close friend or a child, and you have reason to believe that person is otherwise healthy (not, for example, a high-risk candidate for HIV), then you may well decide to perform CPR in an effort to revive and save that person's life. If, on the other hand, the victim is a stranger to you or you have some question about his health, then 'protect yourself - FIRST' should govern your actions. 'Yourself', I hasten to add, includes your FAMILY.

Allow me, please, to stretch this consideration a bit. If you happen upon a motorcyclist who appears to be a victim of a motorcycle accident and that person is not wearing a helmet, you have EVERY RIGHT to conclude that since he is so cavalier about his safety when riding a motorcycle he may well also be cavalier about wearing condoms. Maybe that's true, and maybe it's not true, but you have the right to decide NOT TO ADMINISTER CPR for whatever reason you choose, including that one.

Because if you begin to perform CPR you then are OBLIGATED to continue, it is not just a matter of deciding to risk your life and health to do so, it is also a matter of deciding to risk your economic well-being. When you elect to perform CPR you are 'betting the farm' and your family lives there with you, no?

What this all means is that *THIS* individual should NOT BE COUNTED ON to perform CPR because the odds are **he will not do so**.

So sue me. (Actually, the odds are much lower that you will do so if I DO NOT perform CPR than if I do and that is worth thinking about.)

On the other hand, there are two parts to CPR - Cardio and Pulmonary. Even if you elect to NOT do the Pulmonary part there is lots of evidence that doing the Cardio part by itself can save lives. Chest compressions, in other words. That, I can be counted on to perform. BUT, I strongly suggest that if you decide to do the same you NEVER, NOT ONCE, refer to what you did as CPR. Call it chest compressions and there will be no doubt. Call it CPR and you may well end up in court.

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

Ride with Pride,
Walter Knight

Road Captains

Road Construction

(The pavement ends)
By: James R. Davis

Sooner or later you are going to find yourself riding on a road where the pavement has ended and stretched before you is crushed rock. You tighten those pucker muscles and slow down, and you decide to keep going.

Last week a small group of us were confronted with just such a challenge. The group consisted of a Magna in the lead, followed by a Valkyrie, followed finally by my GoldWing. The lead bike, Elaine, had asked if we all wanted to try it and she heard us all agree to do so. She asked again about 1/4 miles into the stretch because it was far more difficult than it had looked like it would be. This, because some of those rocks turned out to be the size of a small clenched fist. Again, we all agreed to keep going - but, honestly, by then it would have been more dangerous to try to stop and turn around.

I was carrying a passenger on my GoldWing. Fortunately he has accumulated about 3,000 miles on the back of my Wing and was game for the effort. Had my passenger been inexperienced I would not have attempted that road. Even a little squirming would have resulted in loss of control of the bike.

There were a pair of tire tracks where the rocks were more densely packed and more uniform than the rest of the roadway. Each driver elected to try to ride along one of those tracks. Since I had been riding in the left track before the pavement ended I chose to stay there.

That decision, I now believe, was a mistake. More about that in a minute, however so there is no suspense in the matter, all three of us managed the problem without incident.

God bless gyroscopic force! Though we would constantly find our tires riding up and over large rocks, most of the time they tried glancing blows with the rocks and found that the rocks would squirt out to one side while the tire shifted laterally to the other. We found that so long as our speed remained above about 20 MPH we could keep going but if we went any slower the bikes were so unstable that it would be only a matter of time before dumping them. Clearly gyroscopic forces made the difference.

On the other hand, going too much faster than that was unthinkable. This, because the bikes could not be kept on a straight line no matter how much effort was used, and there was two-way traffic on that road. In the event that one of the bikes found itself in the path of an oncoming car there was nothing for it but to stop - and the odds were high that the bike would fall down if we used ANY front brake to try to slow down. So, we drove at a speed where front brake was NEVER NEEDED.

I have heard, as I'm sure you have, that if you drive a bike with integrated braking (like the GoldWing) you cannot apply the rear brake without applying the front one. Nonsense!

As I already pointed out, trying to slow down by using the front brake on such treacherous footing would probably have resulted in a dumped bike. How do you use the rear brake without using the front one? By using the engine for most of your braking. You drive in a low enough gear so that you can roll off the throttle to slow down and you can use your clutch friction-zone to moderate speed precisely.

As to picking which tire track to ride on if you have a choice, I suggest that you select the right one. Despite trying to stay in those tracks there were times when large loose rocks forced our front tires out of them. You will recall that when riding into a pool of standing water your motorcycle or other vehicle will feel substantial drag and it slows down. Similarly, when your tire is forced out of a relatively well packed tire track and onto the more loosely packed roadbed nearby you will feel greater drag and your bike will slow down.

That happened more than a couple of times during the ride, but one of those times was a white knuckler. My front tire was forced to the left out of the track and the bike slowed down. Giving it a little gas made the front-end a little lighter and just then it received a series of glancing blows that pushed it farther and farther to the left. Indeed, in a matter of 2 seconds I had moved FOUR FEET to the left - directly into the path of an approaching truck! I managed to SMOOTHLY force the bike over to the right and back into the tire track I had left before that truck got too close to me. In fact, I kept going and got into the right track. [I'm told by my passenger that his eyes could not have opened more widely than during those two seconds as he kept telling himself not to move. He REALLY wanted to shift his weight away from that oncoming truck, but wisely just held on. (See what experience and practice can do for you?)]

After returning to paved road the tension snapped back to normal levels and riding once again was fun. At our first stop thereafter we compared notes. Following is what we agreed to:

- If you have a passenger who is either inexperienced or who has not developed a profound trust in your abilities, do not voluntarily attempt to ride on unpaved roads.
- Drive in either 1st or 2nd gear so that you can use engine braking as necessary and so that you can use your clutch friction-zone to precisely control speed.
- Do not drive slower than about 20 MPH in order to allow your wheel gyroscopics to help you.
- Do not drive much faster than 20 MPH so that you can totally avoid using your front brake to slow down.
- Do not 'white knuckle' your grips - you need to ride with a firm grip on the bars, but you must be loose enough to prevent transmitting all the instability of the front-end to the rest of the bike.
- EVERYTHING you do must be done SMOOTHLY.
- Given a choice, ride in the right-most tire track to keep you away from any oncoming traffic.

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Chaplain's Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Committee Reports

2019 is an election year for our chapter and the officers elected will take over in January 2020. Now is the time to let other member know that you are wanting to run for a position. Nomination will be in October, so that is just 2 months away.

ARTICLE 9

ELECTIONS

SECTION 9.01 NOMINATIONS

Nominations for all the elected positions shall be done at the October meeting.

The term of office shall be for two (2) years.

Any member nominated for an office should attend at the October meeting to state in person if they will or will not accept the nomination.

If a member cannot attend the October meeting and they know they will be nominated for an elected position, they must advise the President and Vice-President in writing or electronic means their intention to accept the nomination.

Nominations will be held in the odd numbered years.

SECTION 9.02 METHOD OF ELECTION

Elections shall be done by ballot by the general membership that are present and entitled to vote. No proxy votes. An election committee composed of two members not serving as elected officer or nominated for any position shall be appointed from the general membership. Members shall deliver in person their original numbered ballot sheet to these members at the November meeting. No substitute ballot sheets are to be accepted. The election committee will take the ballot, count the ballots, and then read the results of the election. After counting the ballots, the sheets shall be turned over to the Secretary for storage for thirty (30) days after which they shall be destroyed.

All ballots will be numbered for accounting purposes only. Ballots numbers will not be recorded with members' names. Ballots will be giving out randomly. The numbers will only be for the election committee to verify the number of ballots returned and that none of the ballots have been duplicated.

SECTION 9.03 TAKING OFFICE

Newly elected officers shall assume their office effective January 1 of the even numbered year.

ARTICLE 5

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 5.01 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President shall be the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. They shall conduct the business of BKWVII and shall conduct business of BKWVII whenever the full Board of Directors is not in session and shall have such duties and powers as may be, from time to time conferred upon it by the Board of Directors.

BKQV7 OFFICERS

BKQV7 Officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. Only Regular members may hold the offices of President and Vice President of BKQV7. Associate members may hold the office of Secretary and Treasurer if there are no Regular members available to hold those positions. International By-laws section 6.02 Chapter Officers

SECTION 5.01 A PRESIDENT

Subject to the authority of the board, the President shall be the general executive head of BKQV7.
He shall preside at all meetings.

He may be the co-signer with the Treasurer on all checks and legal documents.

In the event a member cannot serve their full term or if they are suspended or removed as outlined in the BKQV7 discipline, the Vice-President shall immediately assume the responsibility of President.

The President shall represent BKQV7 at all functions of the International whenever possible.

The President shall represent the chapter at all functions hosted by other chapters whenever possible.

The President shall investigate all allegations or complaints, verbal or in writing, of violations of International and/or BKQV7 By-laws. If the President determines that the allegations/complaint could merit the removal or suspension of a member, he shall then appoint a committee to investigate and make recommendations in accordance with Article 7.01

The President shall serve on the Board of Directors, and act as its Chairman.

The President may approve payment of one Hundred dollars (\$100.00)

The President shall be kept informed of the planning, arrangements and the organization of all BKQV7 activities including but not limited to runs, dances, and weekend trips.

The President shall designate the uniform of the day for all special events.

The President shall ride in the front position in any type of run, parade etc.

The President shall be responsible for notifying members of any cancellation of any event.

The President may request the Secretary or any member to assist with notification.

The President shall insure that all required monies be sent to the International on time.

The President shall upon receiving notice from the Treasurer that a member has not paid their dues, have the Vice-President contact said member and inquire if said member plans to continue with the chapter. If the member plans to continue, the Vice-President shall inform the member that if payment is not received they will be removed from the chapter.

The President shall inform the general membership at the next monthly meeting of any members removed from the chapter, and as well as the Treasurer, Editor and Quartermaster.

The President shall maintain an up to date list of all members to include, members name, address, telephone number, agency working for (or if retired the spouse's name), and status in chapter.

The President shall for their term in office have the original BKQV7 Charter, The Official Gavel, and the original copy of BKQV7 By-Laws, which he shall turn over to his successor at the January meeting.

SECTION 5.01 B VICE-PRESIDENT

At the request of the President, or in the event of the President's absence, the Vice-President may perform the duties, possess, and exercise the powers of the President. In addition, to the extent authorized by law, the Vice-President shall have such other powers as the Board of Directors may determine and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

The Vice-President may continue to perform the duties of the President until the Board of Directors declares a vacancy and elects a qualified replacement to serve as President.

The Vice-President may also have the authority to co-sign with the Treasurer on all checks.

The Vice President shall act as Honorary Chairman on all committees, except permanent committees.

Research any rules, procedures and By-Laws to insure compliance with or not in conflict with, the International rules, procedures and By-Laws. In the event a proposed rule, procedure, or By-Law is in conflict with the International, immediately notify the President.

The Vice-President shall perform other duties as requested by the President.

The Vice-President shall confirm that each new member lawfully owns and licensed to operate a motorcycle.

The Vice President shall disperse the membership cards annually, to all paid members of BKQV7.

The Vice-President shall contact said member that have not paid their dues and inquire if said member plans to continue with the chapter. If the member plans to continue, the Vice-President shall inform the member that if payment is not received, they will be removed from the chapter.

The Vice-President has the duty for recruitment and retention of membership with BKWVII.

SECTION 5.01 C SECRETARY

The Secretary shall have charge of such books, documents, and papers as the Board of Directors may determine and shall have the custody of the Club Seal.

The Secretary or his designate shall attend all meetings of the chapter and the Board of Directors and shall keep minutes of all meetings.

He shall keep a record, containing the names alphabetically arranged, of all persons who are members of the chapter, for an attendance record.

He shall make a full report of the membership status of the BKWVII at each meeting.

At the request of the President or as otherwise provided herein he should give adequate notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors.

The Secretary may also have the authority to co-sign with the Treasurer on all checks.

In lieu of recording the monthly meeting, the Secretary may keep a copy of the newsletter as a record of the meeting.

In the event the editor of the newsletter is not present at the monthly meeting, prepare notes of the meeting and convey them to the editor of the newsletter.

Maintain a record of all procedures voted on and accepted by the membership.

The Secretary may also hold the position of Treasurer and perform the duties of the Treasurer; they shall be entitled to one (1) vote when serving on the Board of Directors.

The Secretary shall perform other duties as requested by the President.

He shall collect the ballot sheets after each election and hold for storage for thirty (30) days, in accordance with the election's procedures.

SECTION 5.01 D TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and property of BKWVII.

He shall receive all chapter funds depositing it in the name of the chapter in such bank or the Board of Directors may designate trust company as.

He shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements.

He may co-sign with the President, Vice-President, or Secretary on behalf of the chapter, any check.

He shall not make any disbursement of club funds other than administrative expenses in excess of one Hundred dollars (\$100.00) without prior approval of the general membership.

He shall enter regularly on the books of the chapter to be kept by him for the purpose, full and accurate account of the BKWVII.

He shall exhibit such books at all reasonable times to any director.

He shall make a full report of the financial status at each meeting.

He shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer, subject to the Board of Directors.

Shall be responsible for collecting all membership dues and advise the President of any unpaid dues.

All payments must be paid by check.

Keep and maintain all financial records.

Make financial report at all monthly meetings.

Keep a complete roster of all members and furnish a copy to the President and Editor of the newsletter.

Deposit all funds in West Virginia Chapter II bank account upon receiving it.

The Treasurer may also hold the position of Secretary and perform the duties of the Secretary. If the Treasurer also holds the position of Secretary, they shall be entitled to only (1) vote when serving on the Board of Directors.

Perform other duties as requested by the President.

The Treasurer shall present a financial balance sheet for the past year at the April meeting for review.

From Membership

UP COMING EVENTS

2019 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, August 30 – Sept 2, 2019. 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 43st Annual Blue Ridge Rally, with a “Knights Under the Big Top Theme”. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823 or VA2@blueknights.org.

2019 Fall Tri-State Conference: October 11 – 14, 2019, Batavia, NY hosted by NY IV. Quality Inn & Suites, 8250 Park Road, Batavia, NY 14020 (585-344-2100) room rate is \$70.00 + tax per night. Event registration is \$130.00 per night.

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 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.

Sick - Ill or in Distress: Brother LePera still recovering form his crash. Brother Mike Neely had hip replacement and was home doing fine, but blow out his knee the other night.

Drawing: The August drawing was \$25.00. Brother Ron Watson’s name was drawn. September drawing will be \$5.00

Next Meeting Location

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