



# BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



## March 2016 Newsletter

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### ***PRESIDENT'S NOTES:***

We are looking for some sponsors to help out with our 2016 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend. If you know of a business that will help please let me know. It doesn't matter if its \$100 or \$1,000 it all helps. I have a letter if you need one. Need all you members to help out here. I'm doing my best.

Also it is time to start picking up the door prizes for the event. So when you go to a store or vendor ask them if they would like to donate a door prize to our event.

I have a work schedule for the 2016 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend. Please get a copy and look it over. Please let him know what area you would work and hours. We don't need everyone to work the whole day, every day but a couple of hours is what is needed. Remember we are hosting this event, not attending it like you would if you were going to another chapter's event. So yes you might miss something but that is what it takes to make the event a success. We know there are a few jobs that some don't want to work but these are jobs that still have to be done. I have heard in the past the following statement from members, "I don't know what to do". Or "I have never done that". I understand but I am sure since all of us are over the age of 21 we can figure out what to do to get the job done. Please help the chapter make this first year at Elkins a big success. It takes everyone in the chapter to help to make this event a success. The biggest thing is to have a big smile on your face and make the members from other chapters welcome and to help them in any way we can. Our event is known as the best hospitality room and members with the most hospitality in the Mason Dixon Conference. Please let's keep this going at our need venue this year.

Another thing I would like to ask everyone is what can the chapter do to get more of you involved in riding and making it to more events? Your chapter reimburses 3 members and sometimes up to 5 members for attending a Mason Dixon Conference. If you pre-register for the Mason Dixon Conference you have a chance to have your name drawn to get reimbursed your registration fee. I think more of the members should be taking advantage of this program. I also think most of you would enjoy meeting new members from around the country and enjoy riding in the different area we go to.

We are working on having a Blue Butt Run this year. It will be a 250 mile run in 6 hours and a 500 mile run in 12 hours. Brother Robinson is working on this run and we hope to have more information at the new meeting. If any would like to help him with organizing this run please contact him.

Ride With Pride

**Ed & Rexann Martin**

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### ***VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:***

**Our next meeting will be April 14th, 2016 at, CJ Maggie's, 309 Davis Ave, Elkins, WV.** The meeting will begin about 7 pm. Room open at 6 pm.

I am trying to get a 100% renewal from everyone for 2016, so please help me out. I know we have lost about 4 members, sorry they have dropped out but their reasons were for them to make. We still have about 10 members that have not sent in their dues. Please get them into the chapter ASAP.

If you need a poster or other information about the Blue Knights let us know and we will get it to you. You can put it up at work or another agency.

**Catch the fever.**

Ride With Pride

*Greg & Tiffany Hoskins*

## ***SECRETARY'S/TREASURER'S NOTES:***

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There are still a few members that have not paid this year's dues, please make arrangements for payment, thank you. Members must fill out a Wild and Wonderful weekend registration and pay prior to the weekend. This is for many purposes some being we need a head count 30 days before so the caterer to order food, the host hotel for available rooms, members and significant others participation in safety training and assist with chores at wild and wonderful. We need all of our members to let others know when you go for a ride. We should be riding as much as possible. All bills are paid and chapter doing well.

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

**Marty McNulty, Secretary/Treasurer**

## **ROLL CALL**

Marty McNulty, Walter Knight, Russ Swiger, Don Wikert, Robby Robinson, Bill Bradley, Marshall Parker, Doug Baker, Randy Biggins, John McCloud, Eugene Botting, Lewis Stevens, Rexann Martin, Ed Martin, Greg Hoskins

Guest: Brandi Knight, Tusla Botting, Becky Green

## **Chapter Safety Officer**

Just wanting to inform everyone that our safety fun day will be on Saturday, April 23, 2016 on the back side of the Clarksburg/Bridgeport Airport. Entrance will be off of route 279. Starting time will be 9 AM. More information to come soon. If you want to bring a friend that you ride with that is not a member that will be fine. I don't have a street address but do have the coordinates as N 39-18-14 W 80-12-51.

**Ride With Pride**

**Walter Knight**

## **MDC Safety Officer**

**D.W. Conners**

**Blue Knights, West Virginia II**

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## **Road Captains**

### **Why Counter-Steering Begins At About 6 MPH**

**By: James R. Davis**

I can't remember how many times I've asserted that the only way you can steer a motorcycle moving faster than you can run is by using counter-steering. Asked just how fast that is, I have said about 6 MPH. Many, many people have sent me e-mails challenging that assertion. So, I will try to explain why it happens. [Note that this discussion assumes your bike has a normal rake angle.]

When you park your bike your front wheel will not be pointing straight ahead. It will be pointing off to the left and the body of your bike will be leaning to the left onto its side-stand.

Because the front-end forks are at an angle other than straight down (called a rake angle), whenever the front wheel is turned in a direction other than straight ahead the wheel will not only point in that new direction, it will lean in that direction as well. Because your front-end is linked to the body of the bike through your triple tree, and because of that rake angle, whichever direction the front-end moves the body of the bike tries to move in the opposite direction.

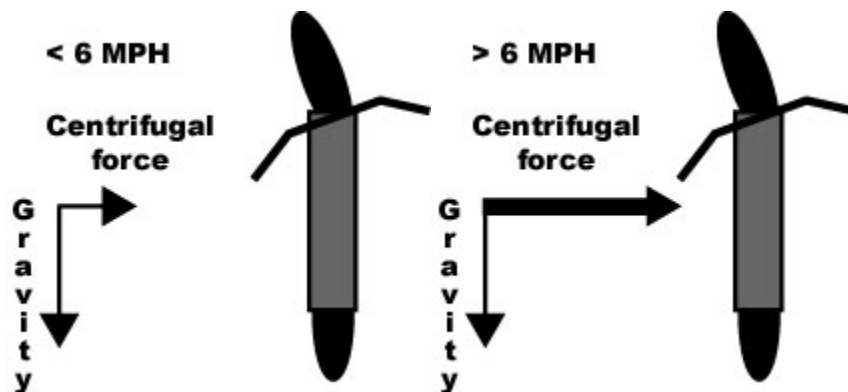
Because there is far more mass, and therefore inertia, it is far easier to move the front-end than it is to move the body of the bike. At slow speeds virtually all of the movement when you turn the handlebars will be of the front-end while the body of the bike tries to remain in place. If you turn left, for example, the front-end will move to the left while the relatively massive body of the bike remains where it was and that moves the Center of Gravity slightly to the left. At very slow speeds gravity is stronger than centrifugal force and it will prevail as it tries to pull the bike down on its left side. The bike body then leans to the left.

You will remember that centrifugal force is a function of the square of the velocity and the radius of the turn. In other words, it grows VERY FAST as compared to speed. As speed increases from zero to about 6 MPH that centrifugal force is simply not as great as the force of gravity. It is for that reason that direct steering works - when you turn the handlebars to the left the bike slowly falls to the left.

But once you get to about 6 MPH centrifugal force is equal to gravity and at that point the bike body will neither attempt to fall to the left or move to the right. You will turn gently to the left.

And, of course, any speed greater than about 6 MPH will result in ever increasing centrifugal force (gravity, of course, is constant) and that will cause the bike body to lean to the right as the front wheel moves to the left - and THAT's called counter-steering.

Forget everything you've ever heard about gyroscopic precession CAUSING counter-steering. It's all a result of centrifugal force and rake. If your front tire was replaced with a ski counter-steering would still work. Gyroscopics merely helps it out, but it does not cause counter-steering.



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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

**Del Parris**  
**Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII**

## State Rep’s Report

RIDE WITH PRIDE, RIDE SAFE,  
**MARSHALL PARKER**  
WEST VIRGINA STATE REP/ MEMBER WV II

## Committee Reports

Brother Knight and I went to Elkins on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 for another meeting with the Holiday Inn and other groups in the Elkins area.

**Ed Martin**, 2016 WWK Committee Chairman

I have booked the Halloween Party for Days Inn and Suites, 112 Tolley Drive, for Saturday, October 29th, for all day. The registrar gave me last year's rate of \$300.00. It will be set up the same as was last year. I had mentioned the 22nd at the meeting, but it is already booked. I wanted to back off Halloween itself because of the potential of drunk drivers, but if we're careful we should be fine, and this IS the proper day. We have until 2 weeks prior to the event to pay at least a 50% deposit, the balance due at the beginning of the event. I'd appreciate it if we could get the entire thing paid for by at least the two weeks out time frame, but it is not until October so we have lots of time - just please don't let it go by the way. It happens. I will be posting a flier as soon as I get it worked up. Please note that I will not be posting a menu this time. It will be different and equally as delicious, but things changed so much last year that by the time of the event it was at least 50% different.

Several things to note;

My volunteers are in place. If you have not yet been asked, then please join as at the event opening.

I have already committed in intent to having the same DJ perform for this event. This was before I learned at the Corn Hole tournament that we have our own equipment. I shall have more on this and other topics in agenda for the next meeting.

Kids are people too. My philosophy is (for example) adults don't eat steak while the kids eat hot dogs. One does not develop a palate by not experiencing new things. As well, as Randy said last year, the desserts made up for anything the little critters did not like. And I can assure you, if they try it, they will like it.

Please note that my wife's participation (in fact 90 percent of the effort) in support of me on this committee is what makes this event. She is not a member, is not eligible for membership, does not ride, and in fact doesn't even like bikes. She has informed me that this will be her last year as a participant. Should you wish me to continue with this committee, then in all likelihood in 2017 we will be returning to Village Square, unless other arrangements can be made elsewhere. And with that, barring the usual gossip, the subject of my wife's participation or lack thereof is closed.

**Gene Botting**, Halloween Committee

## From Membership

I've been active with WV Chapter II now for a couple of years, and have an opinion about a topic which differs from most. I've heard several views on it, and gave a partial look at my thoughts in a meeting one night. But I have a solid view on this subject and as I have been here for a while, I am bound to spew forth. Remember, this is my opinion only – based upon life, etc., I make them up. The topic is on wearing – or not wearing – the colors of the Blue Knights. The general consensus of the WVII membership is not to wear the colors when traveling alone, etc. I could not disagree more. We are all going to die one day, so fearing it is ridiculous – it's a part of living. As well, I have worked as a law enforcement officer of one sort or another my entire career, and am quite proud of my accomplishments, on a local, federal and international level. I am now allowed to wear the Blue Knights colors because I bloody well earned the right, not because I am someone's Bud or a law enforcement groupie. This is something of which I am quite proud, and my personality will allow me to hide from no one. I wear them, at all times, when on the bike. That is just the way it's going to be. My question to all this is why doesn't everyone? We are armed if wise, and supposedly prepared for whatever may come to pass. Are we still afraid to display the fact that we belong to an honorable and upstanding organization? Well, I'm not. If a situation occurs that I cannot handle, local law enforcement WILL be notified. But I doubt it will – the bad guys know us, know what we're about, and if I don't screw with them, they're not going to screw with me. I will hold this view until someone can show me a documented case of a Blue Knights member being accosted for wearing the BK colors. Dig deeply, and good luck! What actually got me going on this, however, was something much more localized. I have joined over 20 Facebook pages of other Blue Knights Chapters, and something I can see that they have in common with each other, and not us, is that every member, when photographed, has the colors on, and if not, are displaying the Class B uniform in one way or another. We are in fact, when attending any Chapter function or higher, according to our By Laws, required to be in one classification of the uniform or another. And then I attend a monthly meeting, and the officers and a few others are in compliance, but others are not. So – are they Knights or are they not? If we are taking this Chapter seriously – I have more of that on the agenda – then we as a Chapter should act accordingly. We have no official provision for a Sergeant at Arms, although I believe that the President has appointed one as a Committee. He should be stomping on this. We have a serious cohesion problem, and we have to start somewhere – I think this is a valid jumping off point. Rant over. Thanks for listening.

**Gene Botting**

## UP COMING EVENTS

**2016 Spring MDC Conference, Lexington, KY**, hosted by Kentucky II. May 27 - 30, 2016. Clarion Hotel, 5532 Athens Boonesboro Road, Lexington, KY. (rooms \$99.00 per night plus tax) 859-263-5241. (Make sure you tell them you are with the Blue Knights LEMC group). Contact Jeanette Gardner @ [Jeanette.gardner@comcast.net](mailto:Jeanette.gardner@comcast.net) Event is \$85.00 per person.

**2016 Wild & Wonderful Knights**, Hosted by West Virginia II. Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Elkins, WV. June 10, 11 & 12, 2016. 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**, Rooms \$99.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$50.00 per person before April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, and \$75.00 after April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2016 International Convention, June 17-24, 2016**. Hosted by PA V, Harrisburg, PA. Host Hotel: Sheraton Hotel & Resort, Harrisburg, PA, 4650 Lindle Rd, Harrisburg, PA. Telephone 717-564-5511. For more information: <http://www.2016bkiconvention.com/index.html> or [Dhooper@excellenceinc.com](mailto:Dhooper@excellenceinc.com)

**2016 West Virginia II Summer Picnic**, Monday, July 11, 2016 will be at the Lewis County Park, 257 Smith Run Rd, Weston, WV 26452. Starts at 6 PM until 9 PM. Covered dish. The Lewis County Park offers a full sized swimming pool with two large water slides, a kiddy pool, two diving boards, three water features, two smaller slides, and plenty of sun. Lewis County Park is located off of Route 33 East of Weston. Turn by the Weston Wendy's and proceed .3 miles to our entrance on the left side of the road. We offer the 3 P's, Pool, Playground, and Putt-Putt. Please contact Brother Greg Hoskins at [huntdeer79@aol.com](mailto:huntdeer79@aol.com)

**2016 Harrison County Child Advocacy Center**, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Starts at Triple S Harley Davidson in Morgantown and ends at Lambert's Vintage Winery, Weston, WV. More info to come.

**2016 MDC Fall Conference**, Culpeper, VA, September 2 - 5, 2016. Hosted by VA II, Best Western Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253; Blue Knights Virginia – II, P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Rally, theme is “New Orleans”. Price is \$95.00 per person. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823.

**2016 West Virginia II Halloween Party**, Days Inn & Suites, , 112 Tolley Drive, Bridgeport, West Virginia, Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Contact person is Brother Gene Botting. 304-873-1014 or [eugenebotting@gmail.com](mailto:eugenebotting@gmail.com)

**2016 West Virginia II, Friday, December 16th, 2016**, West Virginia II chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Meeting at 5:30 PM and Party right after the meeting. Ballroom A.

**Sick - Ill or in Distress:** Fred LePera is down with a broken ankle.

### **Drawing**

Drawing at March 10th, 2016 meeting was for \$35.00. Brother Noe's name was drawn and he was not present so the April meeting drawing will worth \$40.00.

### **March Meeting Locations**

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# 2016

## WILD AND WONDERFUL KNIGHTS Blue Knights West Virginia II

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### June 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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**All awards will be based upon information placed on the registration card given at time of registration. Presentations of awards will about 9 PM, Saturday night, June 11th, 2016.**