



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

I received word that from Ronnie Young that Virginia V will be hosting the 2021 Winter MDC (Feb 12-14, 2021) at the Delta of Marriot Hotel Dr, Chesapeake, VA. Virginia V is also going to have the 2021 Summer Bash in July 2021. Chairman Ronnie Young said the information is being sent out this week. If you need the flyer contact me, I can email it to you. The 2020 Trunk or Treat event has been cancelled. I am hoping that the Toy Run out of South Harrison High School will still be a go. If at all possible, it would be great to get about 6 to 10 members to ride in this event in November. It will be the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

As of right now we are still on to have the Christmas Party at Village Square. Everything is still up in the air as to the Governors' guidelines for events. Village Square has had to cancel a few weddings a few weeks back. When the guidelines change so does their events. Right now, they are not holding events there but believe they will be able to start again within a week or so.

I would like to get a committee for a Heaven I Ride, if you would like to help me with this ride please let me know so I can get you on the committee. The ride would be over 150 miles lasting about 6 to 7 hours attempting to visit as many chapter members as possible that have transferred to Heaven I since our charter back in 1987. Ride should be in June or July as the days are longer and warmer. I am still trying to find out where Brother Earl Stone was buried back in 2003.

WE had four (4) chapter members ride in the Back the Blue parade in Morgantown on October 10, 2020. We had seven (7) members from PA I chapter show up for support. There were also several members from other PA chapters there in support too. I believe those chapters were PA XVI and PA VII. Our chapter was in the front right behind the escort vehicles. The last I have heard that there were about 110 motorcycles and more than 200 cars and trucks. The word is about 800 people were at the event.

Ride with Pride

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VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Catch the fever.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 12th, 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.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart and Ride with Pride. You are the faces of West Virginia II.
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Chapter Safety Officer Accident Management

Help your fellow riders by thinking ahead, being prepared

By: Cash Anthony

After an accident, the people you ride with want to be useful. They will feel helpless enough if they aren't medical professionals with adequate gear to start making a difference, for in serious accidents, first aid seems superficially valuable or is even impossible to render. If they have access to communications and to important information, however, they can still help save your life. In light of Karen Miller's accident last November, here are some tips I gleaned from dealing with an emergency situation. The first four are offered to enable your fellow riders to help you immediately, the rest over the longer term.

- Carry a cellular phone when you ride, if possible. If you don't have one, ask who in the group has one and where on the bike it is kept.
- Carry legible ID and keep it current. If you've moved since your driver's license was issued, you can get a ticket for failing to update it -- as well as cause confusion about such basics as "where does she live?" Check or sign the organ donor box on it, if you would want to donate in a worst-case scenario.
- Carry a list of medications you take routinely and keep it current. List allergies or medical conditions that EMS techs/doctors need to know about to treat you.
- Carry a list of persons to contact and their current telephone numbers, including area codes. If those living with you are likely to be hard to reach, or you live alone, friends who ride with you should be able to figure out easily who to call from information on your bike or your person. (Even if they can gain access to your home by taking your keys from the scene, it doesn't mean they can find your address book.) Karen had thought to carry names and telephone numbers of relatives and friends with her, which saved her fellow riders a lot of stress after Life Flight left, when they started the notification process.

Hospital and emergency personnel will presume that an unconscious person has given them consent to save his or her life. But even when a rider has a close family member who can legally take over subsequent medical decisions (as far as the hospital's lawyers are concerned), your fellow LSL members may still be uncertain about which family member should be given your valuables, your keys, your jewelry, and access to your home -- especially if the family members argue about it when they get together to meet the witnesses and pick these items up.

It is unfortunately only a cheerful fiction that all of a downed rider's brothers and sisters and in-laws will be getting along splendidly the week that an accident happens -- not to mention the new lover and the ex-spouse. Would you want your cousin who's on parole rummaging through your mail while you're laid up? If you have no skeletons in your closet of relatives, you can ignore these suggestions. But for many of us, there are some troublesome realities among our relatives. So, for the longer term...

- Have a durable Power of Attorney prepared appointing someone close to you to be in charge of your business and legal affairs, in writing. "Durable" means the person designated can act for you even if you could not act for yourself (i.e., if you were unconscious, or sedated for a long time). This is not a "form" document that you can buy, but it is usually inexpensive to have it prepared. "Close" means living in your area as well as close by relationship: if someone is making decisions critical to your well-being, he or she will be better informed after talking to your doctors' face to face, if possible.
- If you have given someone verbal authority to act for you in an emergency, do not leave written authority appointing someone else. Revoke conflicting Powers of Attorney and have a correct one prepared. Then tell someone who rides with you whom you designated! If you don't want to discuss this every time you go out, put a copy of the durable Power of Attorney with the list of phone numbers on your bike, or leave it with someone who is on that list of persons to notify in case of an accident.

If you're riding with someone who goes down and are helping at an accident scene, get the name of the investigating officer in charge and find out where the vehicles are going and where the accident report will be. Take photos if you can. Retrieve the rider's ID, insurance card and personal items from the bike and protect them. Find the lists of phone numbers and medications as soon as possible.

Riders who witness a serious accident will be somewhat in shock even if they were uninjured. If you are managing an accident scene where a friend has been hurt, let bystanders help you as well as your friend, if they can. Don't rush to get to the hospital once your injured friend has been removed. Take time to collect yourself before riding again. Have a drink of water (shock can make you dry-mouthed), and try to remember to thank the emergency personnel and any bystanders who helped you, before you leave.

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**Ride with Pride,
Walter Knight**

Road Captains

Overnight Parking

Side-stand or center-stand? Cover it or not?

By: James R. Davis

You are out on an overnighter and are parking the bike for the evening. The winds are up. Do you use a cover or not? Put it up on the center stand or leave it on the side stand?

Let me deal with the second question first - it is the easiest. Rule-of-thumb: Unless you are parked inside a garage on concrete, use your side stand!

Your side stand provides a WIDE tripod as compared to your center stand. As such, it provides far more stable parking for your motorcycle. The sole exception to this is if you are unable to park such that the bike leans firmly on the side stand. For example, if your shocks or tire pressure are low, your luggage weight is high, or the ground slopes to the right. If the bike is not leaning firmly on your side stand it can rather easily be pushed over to the right side.

Though high winds and bike covers do not go well together, I always use mine when I'm out on an overnighter. This, to tend to minimize the risks of theft and curiosity seekers taking liberties (even good-natured parents have taken the liberty of placing one of their children in a bike's saddle they were walking by without getting the bike owner's permission.) Further, I'd rather the cover get damaged from windblown sand and other debris than the finish on my bike.

Remember to use some form of fastener to cinch together the bottom edges of your cover under the bike to keep it from flying off (and to further deter someone who might even think about stealing the bike.)

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

Chaplain's Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WWII**

Quartermaster Quartermaster Report 8OCT20

Nothing to report.

It appears as though the bank is \$5.00 higher than it should be compared to sales. I'm guessing that I missed documenting a \$5.00 patch sale at the last meeting. I haven't tracked this down yet.

08OCT20 Inventory:

Coins 57, Hats: Solid 14, Mesh 10, Chapter Pins 80, Paracord bracelet 13, BK WWII Chapter Patch 99, New style BK patch 82, Heaven 1 Patch (no trademark) 76, Big International BK Patch 3, Upper Rocker 7, Lower Rocker 6, Large Chapter Flag 1, BK Medium Patch (back) 6, BK Small Patch (front) 6, LE & MC set 9

Quartermaster Bank:
Cash \$887.00

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Joke for the Day

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

MDC Safety Officer

Last weekend I rode to Maggie Valley NC, Pigeon Forge TN, Gatlinburg TN and enjoyed the NC & TN mountains.

I rode with a group that I am not accustomed to riding with and saw some good group riding and some bad.

One of the guys dumped his bike on the Tail of the Dragon early in the day. He scraped up the right side, destroyed his right bag and bent his handle bars. I would say he was riding above his skill level. He rode his bike all day and back home Sunday but it looked terrible and probably rode different.

It was what I would call a Single Vehicle Accident but he didn't want to report it. I think that he was embarrassed and a little sore but I am sure that he was guilty of #7 of the list below. He might be a great rider in eastern NC where everything is flat, straight and has 90 degree turns but he is inexperienced with curves and switch backs.

If we ride our motorcycles, we all go places that are new and we are not familiar with. If we ride with different people, we will not be aware of their riding styles or abilities. Don't try to keep up in the curves or on the Interstate if you feel unsafe. I let some of this group go ahead when they started lane splitting in TN. I do not lane split anywhere and I do not care what the law is.

I am not a perfect rider but I don't think I made as many mistakes as some of the group did.

The lesson for today is, Ride your own Ride. Be Safe and Live to Ride another day.

The following are the 10 most common causes of motorcycle accidents:

1. **Unsafe lane changes.** A driver risks colliding with a motorcyclist when he or she fails to check his or her blind spot or signal when changing lanes.
2. **Car doors.** Some motorcycle accidents occur when a driver opens the door of their parked vehicle in the path of an oncoming motorcycle.
3. **Speeding.** A leading cause of all types of auto accidents, speeding reduces a vehicle's chance of seeing and reacting to other drivers in time to prevent a collision. The higher the speed, the greater the impact and the more severe the consequences.

4. **Driving under the influence.** Drivers who cause accidents because they were driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs may face both civil and criminal liability.
5. **Lane splitting.** Driving between two lanes of traffic is called “lane splitting.” This practice is not legal in Florida and is especially dangerous for inexperienced riders.
6. **Sudden stops.** Rear-end accidents resulting from following too closely or an abrupt stop can result in serious injury or death to a motorcyclist.
7. **Inexperienced drivers.** Inexperienced drivers are likely to make unsafe moves on the road that could compromise the safety of other motorists.
8. **Left turn accidents.** Right of way errors or misjudgments of distance while making a left turn are common causes of injury and death to motorcycle riders.
9. **Dangerous road conditions.** Crumbling pavement, potholes, debris, and a lack of necessary signals and signs can all increase a motorcycle rider’s chances of losing control of his or her vehicle.
10. **Motorcycle defects.** The manufacturer of a poorly designed or manufactured motorcycle part can be held liable for any injuries or deaths arising from use of the defective part.

Robert (Bud) Overby
MDC Safety Officer
BKNCVIII

Ride Safe, Ride Often & Ride with Pride!

Committee Reports/From Membership

NONE

UP COMING EVENTS

October

Annual Knights of the Round Table: Oct 14 - 17, 2020 to be held in New Orleans, LA. (Red, Green & Blue Knights) Hosted by: Red Blue Green Knights of the Round Table, Susan “Tipzy” Freese and Alexander Ramirez. Hotel information: Best Western Plus Westbank Hotel 1700 Lapalco Blvd. Harvey, LA 70058. Main 504-366-5369/Toll Free 1-866-871-5369/fax 504-262-0949. Book online via this link -

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotelrooms.19045.html?groupId=7U2SM2U7.

Block of 50 rooms – **NOLA KRT** is the group name.

Select from Double Queen or King Suite \$94.00 / night. Please note maximum number of adults allowed in a room is 4. Check in time is 3:00pm and Check out 11:00am.

Block of reservation will be held until 25 Sept 2020.

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:

Brother Chuck Luzader just had surgery and is home recovering.

Brother Ron Watson just had ear surgery and is recovering.

Brother Neely's wife just had 3rd round of chemo (she is a little rough after this treatment.

Asking prayers for other LEO's: Rodney Broadwater-Prostate cancer; Joe Maxwell- Brain tumor;

Mike Hinton-Heart problems; Kevin Haught-Fell again and off work.

Drawing: There was not drawing at the October meeting. The November drawing will be \$5.00.

Members in attendance:

At Clubhouse: Marty McNulty, Jim Enoch, Ron Watson, Randy Biggins, Doug Baker, Don Wikert, Nike Neely, Fred LePera, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

On Zoom: Rene Noe and Bill Kacinec.

Facebook: Susie Enoch, Larry Bailey, Chuckie Diaz, Dominic Squillace, Bridget Swisher, Kelli-Ann Robinson, Rich Springer, Rene Noe.

Next Meeting Location

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