



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Just want to remind everyone about the chapter Appreciation Day at the Clubhouse on Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 1 pm to 5 pm. I was hoping that more members and family would have shown up for a little while. We had about 12 members and a few of their family show. We had about 10 guests show up. Food was really good and the deserts were wonderful.

Also need to know how many members are going to ride to Cider Creek State Park, Saturday, September 25, 2021. We will depart from the Clubhouse at 10 am. Please send me and email so we will have some idea how many are going. (bkwv2@aol.com)

Our manager Donna is requesting the chapter to set up a vendor area for the fall fest at Village Square in October. Something for the children like a duck pond or something like that. What do you think? Will you come out and help? I am thinking of a booth to put up to let people know who we are and maybe just recruit a few new members. Will you help?

I want to congratulate Brother Carver and his wife on the birth of their son, Jaxon Lane Carver, born September 16, 2021.

Remember to check your blinker fluid.....hahahaha

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 14th, 2021 will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. We will have pizza before the meeting.

On Sept. 25 Sat. there will be a car and bike show at the Granville Town Center Walmart.

Registration will be from 11 to 1. Show will be 1 to 4. Bring your car or bike. The proceeds go to help out local charitable organizations. You can contact Jim Enoch at 304-216-8179 for information.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 14th, 2021 will be at the 19:00 Hours (7 PM) at Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Hope this finds all of my Brothers, Sisters and their family members of Blue Knights WVII membership are in good health and spirits?

Kelli and I have made our room reservations for Elkin's conference in 2022. My Mom's breast cancer has been in remission for a long time, but recent mammogram discovered a lump. She has an appointment next Friday morning at Wheeling Hospital as a precaution. Hoping that goes well.

Kelli and I are hoping other members make their room reservations as well. We hope that membership may have contacts that maybe we can have a mobile BLOOD DRIVE or MAMMOGRAM vehicle at our conference as an initiative that WE support our public's health n wellbeing. Just something to consider n think about. Miss and love you all

Respectfully,

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TREASURER'S NOTES:

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

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Chapter Safety Officer

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"

**Ride with Pride,
Walter Knight**

Road Captains 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.dov

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!](#)

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

Chaplain’s Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

Items can be purchased at the clubhouse.

**Rene Noe
Quartermaster**

MDC Safety Officer

5 Tips for Drivers

1. **Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles.** Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots, so check — then check again — before changing lanes or making a turn.
2. **Predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.** A motorcycle may look farther away than it is because of its small size, and it may be difficult to judge a motorcycle’s speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it appears.
3. **Keep a safe distance.** Motorcyclists often slow by rolling off the throttle or downshifting, thus not activating the brake light, so allow more following distance, about 3 to 4 seconds.
4. **Understand lane shifting.** Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.
5. **See the person.** When a motorcycle is in motion, see more than the motorcycle, see the person under the helmet, who could be your friend, neighbor, or relative.

5 Tips for Riders

1. **Be visible.** Motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles, so wear bright clothing and

a light-colored helmet. Always have your headlight on, day and night, and avoid riding in blind spots of cars and trucks. If possible, flash your brake light when slowing down and before stopping.

2. **But pretend you are invisible.** If you assume others on the road can't see you, and any car that can hit you will hit you, you will tend to ride in a hyper-aware mindset and learn to notice every detail in your surroundings. Take extra responsibility for your safety and ride defensively.
3. **Gear up every ride.** Wear proper riding gear from head to toe. Full-face helmets provide the best protection, and jackets, pants, gloves, and boots that are made for riding will generally be made of abrasion-resistant material, include protective armor, and provide additional comfort.
4. **Use good street strategies.** Constantly search the road for changing conditions and use the Search-Evaluate-Execute strategy (SEE) to assess and respond to hazards before you have to react to an emergency.
5. **Before you ride, check over your bike.** Make a habit of doing a pre-ride check, which includes looking over your tires and wheels, checking fluids, cables, your bike's chassis, lights and electronics, and the stands. Use the [T-CLOCS inspection checklist](#) to help you.

Whatever you ride,

Ride Safe, Ride Often, and Ride with Pride

Robert Bud Overby

Joke for the Day

A woman was out driving when she stalled at a red light. Hard though she tried, she was unable to restart the engine and soon a long line began to form behind her.

One of the male drivers was particularly impatient, sounding his horn continuously.

Finally, she got out of her car, walked over to the driver behind and said: "I can't seem to get my car started. Would you be a sweetheart and see if you can get it started for me? I'll stay here in your car and lean on your horn for you."

Committee Reports

The 2022 Spring Mason Dixon Conference will be hosted by West Virginia II Memorial Day Weekend 2022. The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Elkins, WV.

Conference will be May 27 – 29, 2022. Make sure you book your room now. Some of us will be going up on Thursday, May 26th. If you know of any vendors please try and get them to set up at our event.

From Membership

UP COMING EVENTS

September

SRC Fall 2021 Conference: September 30 - October 3, 2021, hosted by GA XI. Unicoi State Park & Lodge, 1788 Highway 356, Helen, GA 30545. Conference registrations made after **September 1st, 2020** will be \$80 per member/\$150 per couple. Group room rates start at **\$109** per night plus tax and fees. There are also special rates for Barrels and Cabins located nearby. The group rate is available two days before and after the event dates. To book by phone, call **800-573-9659**. You must mention the **Blue Knights** and use the new 2021 **Group Code 09594**.

2021 Chapter Ride: Saturday, September 25th, 2021 Cedar Creek State Park, 2947 Glenville, WV 26351. We will depart from the Blue Knights West Virginia II Clubhouse at 10 AM for Cedar Creek Foundation Fall Festival September 25, 2021. We will do a drive through the campground as a group. They will be having Apple Butter making and different vendors, music and other events to register and participate in as well. We will have a concession and Hershey hand dipped Ice cream for sale. We have a General Store open for souvenirs. We will also be meeting up with other West Virginia Chapters there.

October

2021 XIX Annual Ride with Cops Ride: Hosted by West Virginia III. Sunday, October 3, 2021. Pre-registration \$20.00, Day of ride \$25.00. Ride starts at 11 am and ends at 2 pm. Mark your calendars! The ride is back in its original format, escorted by The Huntington Police Motor Unit. Registrations have been printed and will be available at Brothers Auto, Buddies BBQ, HPD and other select locations in the next few days. This will be the 19th Annual RWC's which solely funds Christmas for less fortunate children in the Tri State. We will also create an event on Facebook and you will be able to register through Eventbrite. Starts and ends at Buddy's BBQ, 1537 3rd Ave, Huntington, WV. \$5 Breakfast starts at 9 am. See ya there!

November

Harrison County Toy Run: November 28, 2021 at South Harrison High School, Lost Creek, WV. Lineup before 12:30 pm. Kickstands up at 1 PM.

December

2021 West Virginia II, Friday, December 10th, 2021, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm. Ballroom A.

Drawing: September drawing was \$35.00. Brother Del Parris's name was drawn and he was not present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. October drawing will be worth \$40.00.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: Becky Green still having pain in her wrist after surgery. Brother McCloud has cancer is going to have surgery on Tuesday. Rexann and Zadah's cousin passed away from Covid on Monday September 6th, 2021. Tammy McNulty still having issues. Del Parris' brother had heart attack and not doing well. Brother Luzader having surgery on Friday September 17th.

Please keep all these families in your prayers.

Members in Attendance: Jim Enoch, Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Lewis Stevens, Ron Watson, Robert Davis II, Walter Knight, Rene Noe and Ed Martin.

On Facebook: Marty McNulty, Robby Robinson, Kelli Robinson, Doug Baker, Rexann Martin and Mike Neely.

Next Meeting Location

**Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 14th, 2021 at 7 PM.
Blue Knights West Virginia II Clubhouse**

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