



West Virginia II

August 2013 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday night, September 12th, 2013, at 19:00 hours, at Shoney's Restaurant, 3504 Monongahela Blvd, Morgantown, WV. Meeting was a little longer than what I had planned but we had a lot of new business and did a good job completing all the new business. We did get a lot accomplished. I want to thank everyone for attending.

I also want to thank each and every member that took the time to bring out their families and enjoy a beautiful Saturday evening at the Shinnston Pool for the Chapter Picnic. There were 62 people in attendance and I believe everyone enjoyed it. Thanks to all the wonderful ladies and a few men the prepared the food. It was great and a lot of it. If anyone went home hungry it was not our fault. While at the picnic our chapter was invited to be in the Shinnston Frontier Days Parade on Wednesday, Sept 12, 2013. Lineup is about 5 pm. I will have more info by the next meeting. So how many members are coming to the parade?

Just received information from the Mason Dixon Conference Chairman Mike Polinger that the conference has appointed a new West Virginia State Representative. The new WV State Representative is one of our own members Marshall Parker. Congratulations to Marshall.

The OCTOBER meeting will be on Thursday night, October 10th, 2013, at 19:00 hours, at Western Steer Steakhouse, Elkins, WV

God Bless and Ride With Pride.

Ed & Rexann Martin

304-622-0135

VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday night, September 12th, 2013, at 19:00 hours, at Shoney's Restaurant, 3504 Monongahela Blvd, Morgantown, WV. Have you asked another officer to come to a meeting or go for a ride with you and tell them about the Blue Knights? We have recruitment posters for you to put up at police departments so just ask for some.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, so bring your spouse or significant other with you for a great time. My email address is: snuffy1055@frontiernet.net or call 304-672-5005

Catch the fever.

Ride With Pride

John "Spot" McCloud

TREASURER'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday night, September 12th, 2013, at 19:00 hours, at Shoney's Restaurant, 3504 Monongahela Blvd, Morgantown, WV. **PLEASE, if you have not sent in your dues please do so as soon as possible. We have received dues from 47 members as of August 10th, 2013.** If you are not going to stay as a member please let us know. Remember this August and we will be starting to request the 2014 dues soon. The dues for 2014 will be \$25.00, and we will be sending everyone an invoice this year. On the invoice we will also request all update info. Everything is looking good and all bills paid.

Richard & Bridget Swisher

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday night, September 12th, 2013, at 19:00 hours, at Shoney's Restaurant, 3504 Monongahela Blvd, Morgantown, WV.

Remember this August and we will be starting to request the 2014 dues soon. The dues for 2014 will be \$25.00, and we will be sending everyone an invoice this year. On the invoice we will also request all update info. Congratulations to Brother Del Parris for winning the monthly progressive drawing of \$20.00. September's drawing will be worth \$5.00.

Ride With Pride

Richard & Bridget Swisher

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ROLL CALL

Members at August 8th, 2013, at 19:00 hours, at Ryan's, Clarksburg, WV.

John McCloud, Carl & Tammy Pase, Fred LePera, Jim Enoch, Rick Eve, Del Parris, Rex Talkington, DW & Cathy Conners, Marty McNulty & Tammy Linger, Rene Noe & Diana Book, Walter & Brandi Knight, Kevin Renzelli, Richard & Bridget Swisher, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

Chapter Safety Officer

Animal Hazards

Swerve or Panic Stop?

By: James R. Davis

It doesn't happen very often but even while traveling on a freeway you can suddenly be confronted with an animal in your path. Certainly it happens with some frequency in the country, and on city streets you must be ever concerned about usually domesticated types.

Those of us who ride in the country tend to confront five types of animals with some regularity: deer, dogs, cattle, birds and horses in roughly that order of frequency. On surface streets there are usually just two varieties: dogs and children (both an animal and wildlife in my book.) Dogs on a freeway are usually road kill before you get to them.

If you see an animal in your path, given plenty of warning, the obvious best move is to slow down and give it as wide a clearance as possible. However, in the case of an animal that 'was in front of me out of nowhere' situations, you have an immediate decision to make ... to swerve and try to avoid it, or to panic stop.

That is a false choice to make! If you think that you can figure out where a deer is going to be in the next 5 seconds, you are dead wrong! But more than that, if you think that you can, in a panic, swerve your motorcycle and retain control of it - not run into oncoming traffic, or the side of the mountain, or off the road, or oversteer it into a crash after avoiding the animal, or swerve right into the animal which has jumped into your new path, then you are probably also of the opinion that it can't happen to you in any event.

If you hit a cement truck at 5 mph you will probably walk away from it. If you hit ANYTHING while traveling at 50 mph or faster, you probably will not. The difference is your speed. Swerving does not reduce your speed. What it will do is give away some control.

Your best move is almost always to try a CONTROLLED panic stop. Do not lose control of your bike. Minimize the speed of impact. If you are good, and practiced, you might not hit anything at all. Even if luck is against you you will probably still walk away from it.

I can hear it now: "Even if it's a child?" Absolutely! If that child decides to make a dash for his/her life and chooses (like you) the wrong direction to run in, then you will hit that child with a greater (faster) impact swerving to avoid him/her than if you try to stop the bike.

Of course you aren't doing 50 mph or greater on city streets, right? You are covering your front brake while riding on city streets, right?

Play the odds in your head before you get into the situation. Condition yourself - bias yourself - panic stops are not a bad thing.

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

MDC Safety Officer Article

Proper Gear Riding Your Motorcycle

Aug. 2013 MDC Safety Article

As always this article is only suggestions to try and keep you safe. MSF wants you to wear the following items when riding a motorcycle, long sleeve shirt or coat, full length pants, over the ankle boots, full finger gloves, and D.O.T. helmet.

The following are my suggestions. Wear at least a $\frac{3}{4}$ helmet. I prefer a full face helmet for the best protection. I know that during the summer they're a little warm and for some they're hard to get on and off. I have been involved in some accidents and the full face has saved my life. If you don't believe me ask John Bull when you see him.

I prefer motorcycle gloves because the fingers are curved and usually a stronger material that will protect your hand. I also use a reflective glove to us when I'm making turns or slowing down.

Wear a coat that has extra protection for your shoulders, elbows, and your back. They make several brands that are made for summer and let the air flow thru the material so you won't get hot. The same goes for pants, padding or good thick leather.

Boots over the ankle will protect you several different ways. If you can afford them try and wear boots that are made for riding motorcycles. They have good grip on the bottom so when you put your foot down when you stop your foot won't slide... If you don't and your foot slips you might lose your balance and you fall with your bike, maybe on top of you. They'll protect you from hot pipes and road trash that might come up and hit you. If you go down you have a better chance of not breaking your ankle or other bones in your foot.

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Road Captains

Riding in Wet Weather

Some lessons learned

By: James R. Davis

Virtually every touring motorcycle rider both expects and experiences some rain while out on the road. It is generally true that if it is raining before you start riding you will postpone that ride segment, but once on the road that choice is no longer available.

My riding partner (Cash) and I just completed an eight day tour and seven of those days were glorious, but for one full day we experienced rain or drizzle, at high altitude, and in severe coldness. Here are the lessons we learned during that one day.

- When it is drizzling (no depth of standing water on the roadway) we were perfectly happy to ride at or near speed limits. Though often posted at 75 MPH, we tended to ride at from 65 to 70 MPH in these conditions. Traction was NOT a problem, but visibility often was.
- When you are riding at 65 MPH and an 18-wheeler is doing 65+ MPH in the opposite direction with light rain, you can be sure that that 18-wheeler is kicking up a MAJOR rooster-tail. That wall of water is approaching you at 130 MPH!!!! When you hit it your visibility will be reduced to ZERO and stay that way for about 5 seconds. The water on your windscreen will NOT be merely on the outside - it will also cover the inside of your windscreen!
- That same 18-wheeler when passing is going to do more than drop your visibility to zero. That 130 MPH mass of turbulence that you run into WILL abruptly slow your bike down! Indeed, your bike will lose a few MPH instantly, but *YOU* will not - and

your body will abruptly move forward relative to your bike as a result!!! Then, just as abruptly, it will move back to its normal position relative to the bike. DO NOT FREAK OUT - EXPECT IT AND SIMPLY RIDE IT OUT.

- Because rain and drizzle (and MUD) will collect on your windscreen, and on your face shield, (and possibly on your glasses as well) you will not be able to see through those layers of water. So, you MUST look over your windscreen until conditions change. If the windscreen is positioned properly you need only 'stretch' your back/neck to do that, but that effort is very taxing and you will find that you cannot do it for more than perhaps an hour before you must either stop or do something else to help you see. What else? STANDING ON YOUR PEGS!! Cash and I rode for about 20 miles standing on our pegs in order to see on that day.
- You might be tempted to partially stand on those pegs (lifting your butt off the seat a few inches.) That will result in upper thigh cramps in about 10 minutes. You must actually stand on those pegs and lean forward if you need to keep going - locked knees will save your thighs.
- We are both now totally convinced that people who opt for extra long windscreens have no idea how disastrous that can be to their ability to see in the rain as the extra tall ones, because they come well back over the rider's head, CANNOT be seen over by standing on the pegs - they are in the way.
- Altitude and cold are synonymous. If it's raining and cold then if your direction is to a higher elevation you are best advised to STOP for the night. If your direction is to a lower elevation you are probably best off continuing to a lower elevation. We were going DOWN from about 8,000 feet when we encountered severe cold drizzle as the cloud layer descended upon us. Had we stopped we could have been there for DAYS until it cleared up but after about 100 miles we were out of trouble and able to complete another 300 miles without much trouble.
- No matter how well clothed you are, no matter how many layers, if your hands get too cold you will not be able to safely handle your motorcycle. Your fingers will not be able to squeeze the brake or clutch levers effectively or with subtlety. You MUST keep your hands warm to handle a motorcycle safely. Glove liners as your first layer, rubber (surgical) gloves as your second layer, and finally your gloves make what would otherwise be impossible tolerable.
- Keeping your CHEST warm will greatly help in keeping your hands warm!!!! Your body protects its chest cavity (core) by restricting circulation from your extremities (hands and feet) so keeping your chest warm is a MAJOR AID in cold weather, not just from a comfort point of view.
- Cramps (remember upper thighs from partially standing on the pegs?) can be eliminated almost instantly by the consumption of GATORADE!!!! We always carry water and now, when riding in cold weather or high altitudes, we also carry some GATORADE.
- You cannot count on gasoline always being available when you need it while out on a tour. We planned our routes with that in mind but even so there was at least one instance when the small town we had expected to find gas in turned out to be 'closed' or out of gas. We carry a spare 2 gallons of gasoline on our tours for that reason. We mount that gas can on a passenger peg in order to keep it from causing damage to clothing or other things in our luggage. We mount an ice chest on the other passenger peg to even out the load. NOTE: that extra gasoline may not be needed by you but if you are 50 miles away from the next station and find a fellow motorcyclist stranded on the road it could save his life!
- You should always carry a set of rain gear with you even if you don't or won't ride in the rain! It was so cold coming down from the high altitude of Colorado Springs that Cash was forced to wear at least the pants of her rain gear (over everything else) in order to keep her legs warm - it worked wonderfully for her!

But the rain gear does not keep your feet warm. Cash also had rubber 'totes' with her and put them on over her boots to do that.

Rene Noe, Walter Knight, Rex Talkington, Ed Martin, and John "Spot" McCloud

Chaplain's Corner

In Paul's letter to the Colossians he warns the early Christians there that it was important to be faithful to their values and to their beliefs. Like our society Colossae was composed of people from diverse cultures, religions and practices. There were already Christians being influenced by pagan observances and heretical beliefs.

Paul knew how easily we can be influenced by others. We have large influxes of Eastern religions as well as an increase in outspoken atheists (they have actually insisted on erecting a monument to "no god" in one of our cities.) While as Americans we should believe in freedom of people to worship as they please, but at the same time we need to hold fast to our own faith and to be sure that religions which threatens to be exclusive do not gain political power and control in this country.

When Israel invaded the promised land they were told not to marry outside their own people. It was because God knew that the influences of Baal worship and fertility cults would eventually pull the Israelites away from their own values and from the one true God. That is exactly what happened, and their morals, values, and discipline decline to the point they were easily captured and ruled by the Assyrians, Babylonians, and once again by the Egyptians.

There are two things we have to do to maintain our faith in a diverse society. First, we have to know what we believe. Secondly, we need to discipline ourselves to practice our faith and to maintain our values. These require constant attention, especially when our faith is so challenged by other religions, by secularism, by materialism and by atheism.

Del Parris
Chaplain, Blue Knights WVII

State Rep's Report

I would like to take this time to let President Ed, Officers, and Members of WV II that I intend to seek your help and input on the needs of Blue Knight members of all WV Chapters. My intent is to visit all the chapters and/or meet with members in WV for their input on getting West Virginia Chapters together and trying to get the members we have lost back into the Blue Knights. Hopefully WV II members will be able to get together for a road trip to visit other chapters in West Virginia on their meeting nights or for a meet and greet. I am looking forward to serving WV II and all the West Virginia Blue Knight Chapters. Any input from the officers and members of WV II will be greatly welcomed.

Ride Safe, Ride Together, Ride With Pride.

Marshall Parker
West Virginia State Rep.

From Membership

UP COMING EVENTS

2013 Pigs on the Beach, September 27 - 29th, 2013, Ocean City, MD , hosted by Maryland V. Registration is \$55.00 per person or \$95.00 per couple. Host hotel is the Days Inn Oceanfront, 2200 Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, MD 21842, (410) 289-7161. Rate: \$79 (Poolside) to \$159 (Oceanfront Suites), Ask for *"Pigs on the Beach"* Group Rate. Send registration to: BKMDV – Ed Kinnamon, Sec., P. O. Box 1263, Cambridge, MD 21613 . www.bkmdv.com

2013 Fall Tri-State Conference Weekend, Hosted by PA V, October 11 - 14, 2013. Weekend registration is \$120.00 per person. Make checks payable to: "Blue Knights PA-V" and mail to Dean Hooper, PA -V Secretary, 1071 Ridgecrest Dr, Hummelstown, PA 17036. Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey, 4650 Lindle Road · Harrisburg, PA 17111. Information & photos, see more at www.sheratonharrisburghershey.com 100 rooms set side, reserve at our special room rate by September 20, 2013. Hotel Phone: 717-564-5511, Hotel Reservations: 800-325-3535, or for online reservations with Sheraton at the Blue Knights rate use the following website:
<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/BlueKnightsMotorcycleClub>. Request Blue Knights Rate at \$90/Night + 11% taxes \$99.90/night, 3 nights minimum - must be made by September 20. You may include up to 3 additional nights before conference, or after, or split before/after -at the same low Blue Knights rate of \$90/night. www.blueknightspav.org

2013 Blue Knights Southern Regional Conference; September 19th-22nd, 2013; Hosted by Alabama III, Anniston, Alabama, Come on down to "Sweet Home Alabama". Conference Registration \$70.00 Per Person/\$140.00 Per Couple. Please Make All Registration Checks Payable to: Blue Knights AL III, Mailing Address: PO Box 8052 , Anniston, AL 36202. Hotels: Price per night is \$72.00 +tax with breakfast included. Courtyard by Marriot (Host), 289 Colonial Dr, Oxford, AL 26303, 256-831-

7995 (Code: G1428). Fairfield Inn by Marriot (Overflow), 143 Colonial Dr, Oxford, AL 36303, 256-831-1921 (Code 1279).
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2013 West Virginia II, Friday, December 13th, 2013, West Virginia II chapter Christmas meeting/party Village Square Conference Center, Clarksburg. Meeting at 6 PM and Party right after the meeting.

2014 Winter MDC, February 14-16, 2014, Hosted by NC XIII, Fayetteville, North Carolina. ***“CuPigs Weekend”***, Come on down with the one you Love! Be sure to indicate that you are attending the Blue Knights® LEMC Conference. Host Site: Holiday Inn Cedar Creek, 1944 Cedar Creek Road, Fayetteville, NC 28312. 877-859-5095 /910-323-0111 / Fax 910-323-5341. Room rates: \$95.00 per night tax not included. Make checks payable to: BKNCXIII. Blue Knights NC XIII, Post Office Box 473, Fayetteville, NC 28302-0473. www.fayettevillencblueknightsxiii.org
Registration Costs: *Early Weekend Rate* (Until December 31th, 2013), (Check-in Fri/Check Out Sun). Must be postmarked by Dec 31, 2013. Adult: \$50, Child: \$30 (Children 7 – 14 / Under 7 Free) *Rate After January 1, 2014* Adult: \$75, Child: \$35 (Children 7 – 14 / Under 7 Free).

2014 Spring Mason Dixon Conference Weekend, May 23-25, 2014, Hosted by TN III. “Pigs in the Smokies” at The Lodge at Valley View, 7726 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Townsend, TN 37882. 1-865-448-2237 or 1-800-292-4844. Regular room rates \$75.00 or three night special \$200.00. www.valleyviewlodge.com. Registration is \$60.00 Adults/\$30.00 Child (7-17). Registration after April 1st, 2014 add \$10.00. Send registration to Blue Knights TN III, c/o Pigs in the Smokies 2014, PO Box 12068, Knoxville, TN 37912. Contact: www.blueknightsn3.com

Working on a chapter ride to Quinets Court Restaurant, New Martinsville, WV.

Sick - Ill or in Distress: None

Month Meeting Locations

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No matter what you ride.