



West Virginia II

July 2013 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday night, August 8th, 2013, at 19:00 hours, at Ryan's Restaurant, 519 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV.

Meeting was short this month but got a lot accomplished. I want to thank everyone for attending.

We had a great time on the ride to Flight 93 on Saturday, July 6th. We had several members on the ride and it ended up being an all-day event. Wish more of you could have made it.

Rexann and I just returned from the 2013 Blue Knights International Convention in Hot Springs, AR. The area is beautiful and we had a good time meeting with old friends and meeting some new ones. Several things in the area to do and see but as far as the event is concerned it was not very organized. Breakfast was donuts and juice and hospitality was just Chex's-mix and popcorn, with beer and soft drinks. The meetings were about 3 blocks away from host hotel and they did not have maps to you how to get there. It was not one of the best conventions put on in the Blue Knights.

Here is your new International Officers for 2013 thru 2015:

President	D.J. Alvarez	TX XXXI
Vice-President	Jerry Bryan	OK I
Secretary	Karen Borza	PA XXIV
Treasurer	John Gordon	OH XVIII

Results of survey for elections were that we keep it is house as it is now.

God Bless and Ride With Pride.

Ed & Rexann Martin

304-622-0135

VICE PRESIDENTS NOTES:

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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, August 8th, 2013, at 19:00 hours, at Ryan's Restaurant, 519 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, 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 July 15th, 2013. If you are not going to stay as a member please let us know.

Everything is looking good and all bills paid.

Richard & Bridget Swisher

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be on Thursday night, August 8th, 2013, at 19:00 hours, at Ryan's Restaurant, 519 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV.

Ride With Pride

Richard & Bridget Swisher

304-637-7504

ROLL CALL

Members at July 11th, 2013, at 19:00 hours, at Ryan's, Clarksburg, WV.

John McCloud, Marshall & Linda Parker, Fred LePera, Jon Jones, Chuck Luzader, Jim Enoch , Rick Eve, Rex Talkington, DW & Cathy Conners, Marty McNulty, Rexann Martin and Ed Martin.

Chapter Safety Officer

Ride With Pride

Walter Knight

MDC Safety Officer Article

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Road Captains

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.

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

Chaplain's Corner

In the age when feeling good about ourselves is held as a standard, and when assertiveness training courses are plentiful, there seems to be a scarcity of the spiritual quality of humility. Humility is the state of being humble which means "not proud or haughty; not arrogant or assertive; unpretentious. The word comes from the same root word as "humus" which means "earth," and is reflected in our description of someone as "down to earth."

It seems like a good time to invite the quality of humility back into the mainstream of our lives. To do so is not to think less of ourselves, but to think realistically about our role in the whole scheme of things. The arrogance and self-importance that are promoted today have resulted in an out-of-control self-centeredness that I believe is at the heart of violence and bullying among our young people.

Jesus both taught and practiced humility. In the Gospel of Matthew He said, "Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." In my daily life humility means that while I may have an opinion I should at least recognize that the opinion of others may have merit. It also means that when I make mistakes I can recover and move on because I have already accepted my imperfection. It means I am open to the grace of God and to the assistance of my friends and enemies in making me a better person.

Del Parris
Chaplain, Blue Knights WWII

State Rep's Report

Carl & Tammy Pase
West Virginia State Rep.

From Membership

UP COMING EVENTS

2013 Warren T. Holmes Crab Feast & Family Weekend, August 2 – 4, 2013. Hosted by Maryland I. Crab Feast will be on Saturday at Noon at the SPX building Corp, Forestville, MD (formerly Knights of Columbus). Contact: 301-604-4488 or ihall@co.pg.md.us

2013 West Virginia II Summer Picnic, Ferguson Memorial Park, 10 North Street, Shinnston, WV, Saturday, August 10th, 2013. Starts at 6 PM until 9 PM.

2013 MDC Fall Conference, Culpeper, VA, August 30 - Sept 2, 2013. **Rally Theme**. “Spooky Knights” (Odds of having Fun – 100:1). Hosted by VA II, Best Western Culpeper Inn, \$89.99 night – includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253; Blue Knights Virginia – II; P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. Contact Keith Chase (Secretary) 703-893-1823. Price is \$95.00 per adult.

3rd Annual Home Grown Heroes/Fallen Officer Memorial Ride, Saturday, June 22, 2013; Hosted by North Carolina XIII, Sign In at 8 am Ride starts at 9:45 am. (rain or shine) \$20.00 per operator \$15.00 per passenger. Cumberland County Courthouse, 117 Dick Street, Fayetteville, NC. Pre-register at www.fayettevillencblueknightsXIII.org

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.

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

Sick - Ill or in Distress:

Month Meeting Locations

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No matter what you ride.