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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Please keep sending in your articles or stories so others can read about them. Most of the members that I have talked to about this newsletter say they enjoy reading about other members travels.

We all had a great time at the Fall MDC at Culpeper, VA.

Those in attendance from West Virginia II were: Lou Stevens, Becky Green, Jim Enoch, Susie Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Ruth Medwith Stone, Tina Benda, Zadah Talkington, Carmen Hamling, Steve Hamling, Rexann and Ed Martin. Our chapter got the award for the largest chapter in attendance in conference again. Thank you all for attending. There were 15 out of 57 chapters in attendance at the meeting for a 26.3 % attendance of chapters. Also in attendance at the MDC meeting were International President DJ Alvarez, North American Vice-President Cal Ennals, International Treasurer John Bull, and Past International President Ronnie Young. Board of Governors Chairman Mark Howard and Secretary Pam McClaren. Tri-State International Rep. Russ Harper. As of August 27th, 2024 the MDC had 57 chapters with 1,678 members.

Internationally there are 591 chapters and 14,752 members in 34 countries and territories.

MDC International Rep. Mike Pollinger advised that Ruben Gardner from Kentucky II has driven his motorcycle to every International Convention except the one in Austria. So that would be 49 out of 50 conventions. The 2025 International Convention will be June 29 to July 4, 2025 held in Belgium. The 2026 International Convention will be July 19 to 25, 2026 in Calgary, AB, Canada.

Talked about the proposal change from 1 honorary member for every 10 regular members to 1 honorary member for every 8 regular members.

Lawsuit still going on in Florida. Legal cost is over \$40,000.00. Another lawsuit may be filed in the north. The MDC advises that before going on any group ride (2 or more) that a quick safety and briefing should be held. Safety checklist read over to everyone and let everyone know where the ride is going. This will assist in covering the members, chapters and organization from potential lawsuits.

The MDC rides will be listed below.

We need to get our members out riding again and with the chapter getting a few new members we need to get them out there with us and show them about the brotherhood. If you are going to go on a ride, please let me know and I will send out the information. There are a lot of benefit rides out there and it would be nice to see some of our members attending some of them.

The chapter is having a Cash Bash at the Shinnston American Legion, Shinnston, WV. Need workers to show up at 5 pm. Social starts at 6 pm and bash starts at 7 pm. This will be Saturday evening, November 9th, 2024. I ask that each member please sell at least 4 tickets. That would be one for each member, one for his spouse or significant other and 2 for a couple of friends. With 47 members that would be 188 tickets right off the bat.

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Becky and I had a great time at Culpeper for the Mason Dixon Conference. The dinners they provided were very good. I recommend it highly next year for those of you that couldn't make it. The mountain ranges are very beautiful and would be awesome for bikers. They don't recommend it for trikes due to the many turns involved however if you don't mind the turns, I think you would enjoy it. We are planning to go again next year God willing. Hope to see you there. Don't forget our next meeting will be at 7 PM on October 10 at the clubhouse. Don't forget the presentation of the check to WV Medicine Children's Hospital at 5 PM Sept 23rd at the clubhouse. We need to make a unified showing. Hope to see you there.

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 LifeFlight 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

Leaning/Turning are NOT Equivalent

Push Right - GO Right

By: James R. Davis

I think I have not made a compelling case for recognizing that leaning and turning are NOT synonymous.

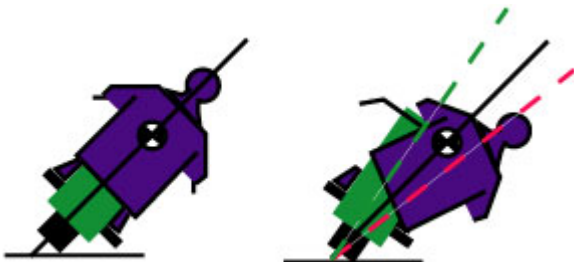
Counter-steering is used to change direction only. It is NOT used to change lean angle. 'Push Right - GO Right' is correct. 'Push Right - Lean Right' is not and perhaps more importantly, 'Lean Right - GO Right' is not either.

This is especially troubling to me as it relates to people who are convinced that BODY lean angle can be used to steer a moving motorcycle - especially, again, bicycle riders. When you lean your BODY right the motorcycle MUST lean to the left! (It is how you lift a dragging peg off the ground, after all.) If your mind is convinced that leaning (your body) away from a potential accident is the way to avoid that accident you end up with the tragedy of my lady friend who did just that and (combined with target fixation) caused her to steer right into a head-on with a car and nearly cost her, her left leg.

If leaning (both your body and the bike) invariably means turning then how can you explain how you handle crosswinds - the bike/body lean into the wind while the bike continues in a straight line if you simply counter-steer that straight line.

THROW AWAY the concept that leaning causes a change of direction!!! A change of direction changes the lean. More correctly, turning causes centrifugal force which, in turn causes leaning. Leaning does not cause centrifugal force, without which no turning is occurring.

Let's see if this makes the concepts clearer. Here is a diagram that on the left shows a motorcycle that is about to drag a peg in a turn and on the right, it shows what happens if the motorcyclist leans INTO the turn. (It lifts the peg off the ground.)



The solid black line is the lean angle of the combined motorcycle and rider in that turn. Note that that line remains EXACTLY where it was when the rider leans in one direction while the bike itself leans in the opposite direction. The motorcycle maintains exactly the same course through that turn despite being leaned farther away from its apex and the same would be true if the rider had leaned away from the turn resulting in the motorcycle leaning farther into it.

The speed and radius of the turn establishes the lean angle of that black line! You CANNOT change the direction of travel by changing the lean angle but if you change the direction of the turn, the lean angle will change.

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

Chaplain’s Corner

**Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WVII**

Quartermaster

Chapter items are at the clubhouse. If you need something contact me or one of the staff at the clubhouse. We have a lot of items on sale, please purchase something today. New shirts and new coins are in.

Rene Noe

Committee Report

2025 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend

Wild Wonderful Knights committee is working on finding location for 2025. It appears that Pipestem Resort did not keep their word on the prices for us to host the event next year. So, at the last-minute searching with the help of several brothers and sister, Brother Steve Richards was able to land us back at the Elkins Holiday Inn Express and American Legion for 2025 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally.

The committee is requesting your feedback as to an idea that we have for the 30th Annual Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend. We were wanting to use the funds from one of the bingos and the Cash Bash to help offset the cost of the registration for the event. We were thinking about charging \$30.00 per person for the event. The 30th annual event for \$30.00. We believe we can cover the cost with the funds from the bingo and cash bash. We need your feedback ASAP. So please send me your feedback at the Facebook group page or by email. Remember do it ASAP.

Registration will be about \$100.00 per person if we do not use the funds from the other events. This is not a conference weekend so all members will have to pay their way

2024 Christmas Party Committee

Vice-President Enoch has secured Westover VFW for Friday evening, December 13th, 2024 for the Blue Knights’ Christmas Dinner & Party. The menu is being worked on for the event

We will need a few members to help set up the room the night before the event. Let us know if you can come out and help. Invitations should be in the mail soon.

The Christmas Party will be at held at the Westover VFW on Friday evening, December 13, 2024. Social starts at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. Hall rental will be \$400.00, Bartender will be \$100.00 and cleanup of hall will be \$150.00 for a total of \$650.00. We will need to decorate the night before the event. Looking at food menu and it looks like, chicken cordon bleu, ribs, and salmon, green beans, potatoes, salad and dessert. Still working on the menu. Should have it all set by next meeting. The caterer will be the Mason Jar.

Apparently, there was a mistake in the August minutes where the Christmas committee requested that Vice-President Brother Enoch check into the Westover VFW and attempt to rent it for the Christmas Party. Sorry for the mistake. Need cutoff date so we can turn in the number of people attending so caterer can order food. It looks as if they will be charging by the plate. Committee is going to ask about a child's/kid's plate.

Also, anyone attending with children; we need name, male or female, age and idea for Santa's gift for them.

Joke for the Day

"Honey," said this husband to his wife, "I invited a friend home for supper."

"What? Are you crazy? The house is a mess, I didn't go shopping, all the dishes are dirty, and I don't feel like cooking a fancy meal!"

"I know all that."

"Then, why did you invite a friend for supper?"

"Because the poor guy is thinking about getting married."

From Membership

Here we go again....3 old men escaped again from their assisted living caregivers in order to Remember 9-1-1 and be a part of Flight 93 ceremonies. Oh yes, President Biden, Vice President Harris and Trump was in attendance. We made it back and they didn't even know that we were gone. Let's do it again guys in a couple weeks.... how about a few nights in London? London, Kentucky home of finger lickin' good Col. Sanders.... From Brother Ron Watson.

UP COMING EVENTS

2024 EVENTS

October

2024 Fall Tri-State Conference, October 4th to 6th, 2024: Hosted by New York XXII. Fall TSC at The Georgian Lakeside Resort, 384 Canada St, Lake George, NY 12845. (Code BKOCT). Room Rate is \$149.00 plus taxes. Registration for the event is \$130.00 per person.

2024 West Virginia II Bingo: Chapter is hosting a Bingo on Saturday, November 9th, 2024. Doors open at noon; Early birds start at 2 and main games start at 3 pm.

2024 West Virginia II Cash Bash: Shinnston American Legion, Saturday evening, November 9th, 2024 at 6 pm. Shinnston American Legion Post 31, 76 Bridge Street, Shinnston, WV. Workers, please arrive at 5 pm.

2025 EVENTS

2025 Winter Mason Dixon Conference, February 14th – 16th, 2025: Hosted by Maryland I. Winter MDC at the Holiday Inn, 10000 Baltimore Ave, College Park, Maryland. Room Rate is \$124.00 plus taxes. Call hotel at 240-542-1226, ask for Mason Dixon Conference Block. Registration for the event is \$105.00 per person.

2025 Spring Southern Regional Conference, April 10th to 13th, 2025: Hosted by Louisiana XVI. Spring SRC at the Holiday Inn Baton Rouge, South 9990 Airline Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA 225-924-7021. Room Rate is \$119.00 plus taxes. Registration for the event is \$100.00 per person. Contact person: David Whittenberg 225-385-5313.

2025 Spring Mason Dixon Conference, May 23rd to 25th, 2025: Hosted by North Carolina chapter some place near Greensboro is hosting the Spring MDC at the

2025 Wild & Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally: Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Elkins, WV. June 13th – 15th, 2025. 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 GROUP, Rooms \$125.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$30.00 per person before May 15th, 2025, and \$60.00 after May 15th.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: Brother McCloud's father is in the hospital and he was with him that is why he was not at the meeting. Brother Stevens was exposed to Covid. Brother Ryan was back in hospital about his neck.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, October 10th, 2024 at 7 PM. Location will be the Blue Knights West Virginia 2 Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Drawing: September drawing is \$15.00. Brother Carver'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 \$20.00.

Members in Attendance: Fred LePera, Don Wikert, Ron Watson, Jim Enoch, Bill Kacinec, Chuck Luzader, Mike Neely, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, Bill Bradley and Del Parris

Guest: None

Facebook: Pam Poisson, Tammy McNulty, Chuck Diaz, Doug Baker, Becky Green, Larry Bailey, Lou Stevens, Ron Watson Jr, Marty McNulty, Geri Mack, Walter Knight, Kelli-Anne Robinson, and Fred Mason.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday evening, October 10th, 2024 at 7 PM.

Hey, just to let you know that if you are a Blue Knight member you can join the Justice Federal Credit Union for just \$5.00 and also get one of their credit cards.

It would be great to get as many chapter members as possible to join up.

The advertisement features a blue and white color scheme. At the top, it says "VISA® REWARDS CREDIT CARD". Below this, the "GIVE BACK" logo is prominently displayed in red and blue, with a small blue star above the word "GIVE". Underneath the logo, a line of text reads: "Each time you use your Blue Knights® VISA Rewards Credit Card, we'll GIVE BACK to the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc." To the right of the text is an image of the credit card itself, which has a blue and white design with the Blue Knights logo. At the bottom of the ad, a dark blue banner contains the text "Receive a \$50 VISA Statement Credit when you open a new card.**" in yellow and white. To the right of this banner is the "JUSTICE Federal Credit Union" logo, which includes a scale of justice icon and the text "JUSTICE Federal Credit Union" and "Federally Insured by NCUA."