



BLUE KNIGHTS West Virginia II



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Report on the 2026 Wild Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally. The 31st WWK we will be charging the standard rate of about \$100.00 per person and that should cover everything. Room rates are \$130.00 per night plus taxes. Requesting our road captains to work on at least 3 different rides for Saturday to lead the others to travel for the day. We have been receiving registration for WWK weekend.

Chapter luncheon will be held on Monday, March 9, 2026 at the FOP Restaurant in Nutter Fort, WV. It will begin at noon. We have the room until 2 pm. Please let me know as soon as you can if you will be attending,

Ride with Pride

Ed & Rexann Martin

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VICE PRESIDENTS' NOTES:

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 12th, 2026 it 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.

Catch the fever.

Ride with Pride

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Jim Enoch

SECRETARY'S NOTES:

Our next meeting will be March 12, 2026 at 7 PM at the clubhouse on Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV. Hope to see you then.

If you need me feel free to call or contact me anytime. If I don't know the answer I will contact someone to get the answer.

Be safe out there.

Respectfully,

Lewis "Lou" Stevens

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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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Marty McNulty

Chapter Safety Officer

Synthetic Oils

Almost always better than petroleum based

By: James R. Davis

In almost all cases the use of synthetic oil (at least now) is better in your motorcycle than straight petroleum based oil. But not in all cases. Oil additives with Teflon[®] in them, for example, don't make any sense to me.

I guess some people might not understand that a good part of petroleum based oils are synthetics anyway (virtually all the additives). Thus, we already have some experience with synthetic lubricating fluids in our engines.

The principal drawback to the synthetics is that they are more expensive than straight petroleum based oils. But in exchange for that higher price you usually get your money's worth. Longer life before they have to be changed, more consistent performance regardless of temperature or engine RPM, better lubrication (more slippery), as well as all the functions of better oils with their additives.

But your oil does more than help pieces of metal slide/roll easier. It has the job of loosening and keeping in suspension sludge and varnish. It has the job of absorbing moisture to inhibit rust and to diminish corrosion. It has to have sufficient variability in viscosity to continue to do its job regardless of temperature changes. It has to be able to withstand shear forces as well as heat and pressure. And, not incidentally, they must not destroy seals while they work.

Generally, synthetics are made today that do all of this, and more, as well as or better than petroleum based oils.

Some synthetics were not as well designed in the past as they are today. Mobil-1, for example, used to eat seals, for example, but it no longer does.

Manufacturers recommend against using synthetics during your engine break-in period. This, because these oils are too slippery and normal break-in wear would not take place as quickly as without them.

Many of those manufacturers used to advise against mixing synthetics with regular oils until they found that they were denying themselves of much of their markets by doing so. Now these synthetics are made so that they can be mixed without any trouble (But I would recommend NOT doing so in any event.)

It is simply not very smart to put some brands of synthetic additives into a motorcycle - such as 'Slick 50'. First, because you run a wet clutch and this kind of synthetic could render your clutch quite inefficient and possibly useless, depending on how much of that product you use. (If not, there may well come a time when you elect to no longer use it and you may well find that your clutch has to be rebuilt just to get rid of what was in there.)

Second, because their claim of bonding Teflon® to metal cannot be true, and if the manufacturers of that product need to rely on false claims to sell their products, what else might they be saying that you are relying on?

Third, because Teflon® is a SOLID! Your oil filter is designed to get rid of solids. Teflon® greatly increases in size with high temperatures - so even if the microscopic sized particles will travel thru your filter to start with, there will come a time when you actually ride your bike and it warms up. Then there are all the other oil flow surfaces and oil passageways that will get smaller as a result of being coated with Teflon®. In any event, the next Tip will discuss additives containing Teflon® in detail.

In summary, I agree that virtually all the synthetic oils are better for your motorcycle than are regular petroleum based oils. They are more expensive, but probably worth the added cost. Your shifting will be easier, you can go longer between oil changes, and you should experience slightly less engine wear by using them.

[Not incidentally, you can expect about a 1% increase in engine power if you use synthetics.]

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Ride with Pride,
Walter Knight
Chapter Safety Officer

Road Captains

Remember that winter is not over and even with spring around the corner we can still be getting snow. That means that the Department of Highways will be treating the road and on the good day there will be debris on the roads. Also look out for the potholes in the road and all of the hillside slippages that we have had that have shifted the roadway.

Terry Queen, Walter Knight, Andy Kolb, and Zach Kesling

Chaplain's Corner

Del Parris, Chaplain
Blue Knights WWII

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. Remember if there is an item that you think the chapter should purchase and have on sale, please bring it up at a meeting so we can vote on it. The new shirt you ordered should be in any day. Call the clubhouse at 304-566-7539 and see if yours has arrived.

Rene Noe
Quartermaster

Committee Report

The 31st Annual Wild Wonderful Knights Rally, June 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2026. Registration will be \$100.00. Host hotel will be Holiday Inn Express in Elkins; rooms will be \$130.00 plus taxes. You can make room reservations at any time.

The 2026 Christmas Party will be held at the Harrison County Parks and Recreation building near Clarksburg on December 11th, 2026. That is where we held the pasta dinner for Brother Menendez. We are working on a caterer now. Looking at four (4) different one at this time.

Joke for the Day

An engineering student is walking on campus one day when another engineer rides up on a shiny new motorcycle.

“Where did you get such a rocking bike?” asked the first.

The second engineer replied “Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, ‘Take what you want.’”

The first engineer nodded approvingly “Good choice, the clothes probably wouldn’t have fit!”

From Membership

None

UP COMING EVENTS

2026 EVENTS

May

2026 Spring MDC in Rocky Mount, NC: May 1-3, 2026. Host hotel is the Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, 672 English Rd., Rocky Mount, NC 27804. Call 252-4231-3850. Room rate is \$139.00 per night plus tax, tell them Blue Knights Conference. Information on registration is not out yet.

June

2026 31st Wild & Wonderful Knights Weekend Rally: Hosted by West Virginia II. Host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Elkins, WV. June 12th – 14th, 2026. 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 \$130.00 per night plus tax. Event registration is \$100.00 per person before May 25th, 2026, and \$125.00 after May 15th.

August

2026 Martland I Crab Feast: The dates will be August 7-9, 2026 and the host hotel will be the Holiday Inn in Greenbelt, MD. Crab Feast will August 8th, 2 PM to 6 PM at the Martin’s Crosswinds, 7400 Greenbelt Center Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Hotel is the Holiday Inn Greenbelt, 7200 Hanover Drive Building 1, Greenbelt, ND 20770. Room rate is \$119.00 per night plus tax. Call 1-800-465-4329 tell them you are with Blue Knights Crab Feast. Contact persons, Byron Hope 202-904-4892 or mpdcleo124@aol.com.

September

2026 MDC Fall Conference/49th Annual Blue Ridge Rally; Culpeper, VA, Sept 4 to 7, 2026. Hosted by VA II, Baymont Hotel, Culpeper Inn, Event includes breakfast buffet, (540) 825-1253, Blue Knights Virginia – II, P.O. Box 2264, Merrifield, VA 22116-2264. Contact Dan Rivard 703-314-1012 or VA2@blueknights.org.

November

2026 Veterans Day Parade hosted by Clarksburg VFW Post 573. We need to be in place at 10:15 AM at the corner of West Main Street and 6th Street, Clarksburg (next to the Clarksburg Senior Center). Parade starts at **noon** on Wednesday, November 11, 2026.

2026 Harrison County Area Annual Toy Run; Sunday, November 29, 2026, bikers will meet at South Harrison High School parking lot at **noon** and kickstands up at 1:00 pm.

December

2026 West Virginia II, Saturday, December 11th, 2026, West Virginia II - chapter Christmas party will be at the Harrison County Parks and Recreation building, 43 Recreation Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301. That is on U.S. Rt 19 across from Sunny Croft Country Club which is located at 1102 Good Hope Pike, Clarksburg. Social Hour 6 pm and Dinner about 7 pm.

Sick, Ill, or in Distress: Brother Wikert still on chemo. Brother Ryan recovering from foot surgery. Tammy McNulty still having problems from her accident, head injury and left eye not focusing correctly. Becky Green still having problems. Brother Enoch grandson going to have open heart surgery in March.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be March 12th, 2026 at the Blue Knights West Virginia II Clubhouse, 245 Emily Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Drawing: February drawing was \$10.00. Brother 's name was drawn and he was not present. Must be present at the clubhouse to be eligible for the drawing. March 2026 drawing will be \$00.00.

Members in Attendance: Don Wikert, Mike Neely, Bobby Ryan, Jim Enoch, Chuck Luzader, Lewis Stevens, Ed Martin, Rexann Martin, T.R. Queen, Ron Watson, Walter Knight, Del Parris, and Marty McNulty.

Guest: Tammy McNulty

Facebook: Pam Poisson, Lory Seagren, Becky Green, Ruth Stone, Byron Hope, Andy Kolb, Jenn Jenn, Deb Scott-Blair, Frontis Fallow, Pat Fox, Larry Bailry, Zach Kesling, and Calvin Ennals.

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ARE YOU A MEMBER YET?

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.

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