

THE KNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: Sept. 9th

Annual Picnic

@ Wheeler's Home



Poker Chip drawing was held. Alan Wheeler's name was drawn. Since Alan was present he won the \$15.

By being present at the monthly Blue Knight Chapter meeting you become eligible for the drawing. If you are present, you win the amount in the pot. If you are not present \$5 is added to the pot. Currently the amount is \$5.

AUGUST 2023



People will forget what you said and what you did, but never forget how you made them feel.
(Maya Angelou)

Featured in
this edition





THE BLUE KNIGHTS



The Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., is an International fraternal organization comprised of law enforcement officers and their families who are also motorcycle enthusiasts.

Headquartered in Bangor, Maine, the Blue Knights® operates under an international constitution and bylaws within an organizational structure of an international board of directors and eleven regional conferences, each conference including a number of local chapters. The Blue Knights® promotes safe and responsible motorcycling and sponsors fund raising in support of numerous charities.

The inception of the Blue Knights® came in April 1974 when a Bangor Maine, police officer had the idea of forming a motorcycle club for people in law enforcement. Since then, the club has grown to become the foremost and largest international law enforcement motorcycle club. Today, there are over twenty thousand Blue Knights® worldwide in six hundred in six hundred chapters in the twenty-nine countries and one commonwealth.



OUR CHAPTER IN SAN DIEGO

CALIFORNIA VI



Chapter California VI was formed in 1987 by a group of seventeen San Diego area law enforcement officers, some retired and some on active duty. We have been chartered since January 1988, making us one of the oldest currently existing Blue Knights® chapters in California. Our members are full-time, part-time and retired law enforcement officers from local, county, state and federal levels.

We are presently one of the largest chapters in the Southwest Conference, with over 40 members on our rolls. Chapter California VI members strive to promote a positive image both of law enforcement and motorcycling. We are active in community service projects, and each year we donate to local charities.

Chapter meetings are held at 0900 on the second Saturday of the month at the Broken Yolk Restaurant, 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, CA. (Unless that is a holiday weekend) After the breakfast and one hour meeting, we go for a ride.

Persons interested in becoming a member may contact Vice President Alan Wheeler by email at: BlueKnightsCAVI.VP@gmail.com



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ken Smith President

Not to be missed!



Greetings my fellow brothers and sisters! I hope everyone fared well after the tropical storm. Well, we had our poker run which was a great success, largely thanks to our VP extraordinaire and SWC BK of the Year Alan Wheeler.

A HUGE thank you to all the members and their spouses who stepped up, we could not have done any of this without you all. I would love to see even more members of our chapter come out for our poker run, there is ALWAYS work to be done!

We are now gearing up for our annual chapter picnic on Sept 9th. Please try your best to attend (motorcycles and colors not required lol). If you haven't signed up for a side dish to share, please do so or let us know and we will get you all set up. It truly is a fun time for all of us to actually have time to talk without getting rushed out from breakfast and going on a ride (which is also fun). I have never seen anyone NOT having a stupendous time at the picnic.

We have our November Nights coming up and then our Christmas Party, December 9th at Embassy Suites (same as last year). With all these events coming up, and other charity rides in between, there is much fun and good times to be had. I want everyone to have the chance to come to any and all of these wonderful events. It truly is remarkable to see large groups of Blue Knights gathered, proudly flying our colors, and making memories to cherish always.

Mark off your calendars and don't get FOMO, (fear of missing out) we have a lot in store!

Also, if you haven't checked your email inbox, let me know if you're interested in a hoodie or t shirt or jersey so we can get our numbers up. If we don't reach a minimum order number, we can't order them!

As always, stay safe, stay vigilant and RWP!

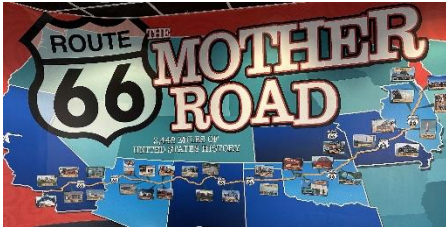


VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Alan Wheeler, Vice-President



US Route 66 — Back to the Future



Got nostalgia? Well, if not, Route 66 is for you. America’s Mother Road is still viable and rideable, if not slightly worn and patinaed. After all she was first built in the late 1920’s with considerable upgrades throughout the years.

From Chicago to Santa Monica, she covers 2448 miles, and has served travelers seeking escape or fortune, from far and wide. There have been songs, television series, movies and novels written about this Main Street of America. However, with the introduction of the Interstate Highway System, Route 66 fought to keep relevant. But there are still millions of small-town USA citizens which call her home. In fact, this author was raised a mere mile from a California portion—renamed Foothill Boulevard—and then again renamed Route 66 later (nostalgia).

The impetus: I found a private party 2021 Honda Goldwing for sale in Granger IN. The correct color/year and equipment. So, Betsy and I flew one-way to Chicago Midway Int Airport. Hired a late-night 111-mile Uber ride to Indiana (\$315+tip!!). Performed the transaction and headed West—Young man.

Our first road day found us East of the Mother Road. With our smart-phone acting as GPS, we elected to ride small two-lane Illinois country roads with towns no bigger than an Olympic swimming pool. Our first night found us in Champaign, Illinois. One would conjecture a bubbly high-life city, yet no!



Day two: We found Route 66, now named I-55. It was also “Abe Lincoln day” due to our short tours of Lincoln and Springfield, IL. With daylight burning, we headed towards St Louis, MO with her grand Gateway Arch. Crossing the mighty Mississippi River, we lamented the toil of early pioneers on their nineteenth century Westward push.



With Joplin, MO as our next destination, day three found us up early in an attempt to beat the heat. I-44 (aka 66) was full of truckers and truck stops. Lebanon, MO had a wonderful R-66 free-to-the-public museum...their motto “Our Town Your Town.”

Day four: From Joplin, through Tulsa, OK in route to Oklahoma City, OK where we found a grand downtown brick Hotel. The Skirvin Hilton Oklahoma City Hotel, with her art deco decor was a true find. For a classy experience, visit the Red Piano Lounge located within.



Day five: Heading West, we veered off I-40 at Elk City, OK to visit yet another National Route 66 Museum and my own namesake township of Wheeler, TX. Wheeler is a City and the County seat of Wheeler County TX. My kind of town! With Amarillo, TX only another 96 miles we pushed on.

Day six: Amarillo to Albuquerque, NM via Tucumcari, NM where the unthinkable occurred. The Honda wouldn’t start after a photo op. The battery lead had somehow disconnected from its terminal. It only took this author 2.5 hours to find the flaw—thank you, thank you very much. Hotel Albuquerque gave us a panoramic 10th-floor corner room with views to die for.

Day seven: Perhaps our coolest day. Albuquerque to Gallup, NM for breakfast. Pushing on to Winslow, AZ where we once again found the West's heat.

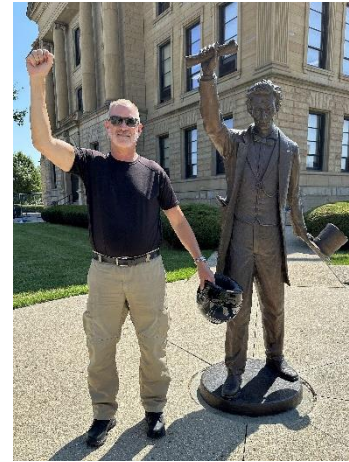


Day eight was a short 175-mile final stretch from Winslow to the Wheeler's newly purchased home in Carefree, AZ. However, even with an early morning arrival, Carefree had already reached 98 degrees.

With our truncated Route 66 ride route (missing some of the most Western cities) we still rode over 2000 miles. A fun experience with so much Americana, we would need another three weeks to see it all. A trip I recommend for anyone looking for motor motels, scenic vistas, vintage diners and tourist destinations galore. As Chuck Berry famously sang: "Well, if you ever plan to motor West, Jack take my way, it's the highway, that's the best." <https://youtu.be/tg2Ebjy-9dc>



Lincoln's home before moving to Washington DC



Me and Abe (I'm on the left)



Feels like home



Betsy showing how it was

**BLUE KNIGHTS CA VI
General Membership Meeting**



**August 12, 2023
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Chapter President Ken Smith at 0900 Hours

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Members of Heaven I
Recognition of Fallen Chapter Members

Introductions/Guests: Jim (Vulcan Riders Pres), Lou (VFW), Boyd (Patriot Guard) – thanked us for Final Honor Donation, Alan Kutsinger (early Blue Knights member 1987)

Blue Knights Pledge

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President Ken Smith

1. Hoodies Shirts Underwhelming interest – discussion, try texts, emails.
2. Use Chapter monies to purchase more gift baskets for Poker run raffle?
 - a. Discussion...possibly not safe bet, 11 baskets so far
3. Raffle Tix...who is handling? MIGUEL volunteered

Vice President Alan Wheeler

1. Memorial Poker Run (August 19th) details.
 - a. Waivers
 - b. Road Captains
 - c. VOLUNTEERS for tasks
 - d. Gift baskets for raffle
 - e. Set up and tear down
 - f. Routes, maps, directions, AMR
2. Annual Picnic at Wheeler's Residence Sept 9th, SIGN UP LISTS Starts at NOON

Treasurer Chuck Belletti

1. Fiscal status
Report given to membership.

BLUE KNIGHTS CA VI
General Membership Meeting

- 2 Judy and I will be on the registration table to handle the payments with anyone else you delineate. I have the Square contactless and chip card reader. We will have to charge a small fee to use the reader (\$1.00). We will accept checks.

Secretary Mike Wagner

1. Excused

Chapter Directors:

Immediate Past President John Lopotosky

1. AMA Membership update – as of today we have 14 members, working with AMA
2. Can't make Poker run due to medical appt, Tina unavailable as well
3. Estimate is 80 riders, will tell AMA 100.
4. Will get invoice for a new purchase of patches.
5. Received Chapter Raffle Tix, hand off to Miguel

Ray Juanengo

1. No info to pass along.

Richard Bennett (Director and Safety Officer and Newsletter Editor)

1. Needs every ride leader to read Blue Knights Ride Guide
2. Next Step Service Dogs are on the cover of Union Tribune today. Great article, help with prosecution of abused children.
3. HUGE thank you to Alan and Betsy Wheeler
4. Encouraged participation from ALL members

Mike Harrison

1. Thank you letter from Next Step Service Dogs, they will be at ride and provide a basket
2. ALR had 46 baskets and made \$5k

Staff:

Safety/Risk Management – Mike Manen

1. New to riding last 4-5 years, on his first Harley. Harley Wobble issue. Tire pressure! Get a good gauge.

Webmaster – Stephen Roche

1. Is now living in NC, website is updated
2. Will have Xmas Party stuff to update from Ken

Director Emeritus – Bill Crow

1. If anyone has gear needing transport to poker run see Bill (and Alan)

Arturo Romero (Quarter Master)

1. Would like to make a video of Poker Run

Marcus Sanchez – Ride Coordinator

**BLUE KNIGHTS CA VI
General Membership Meeting**

Michelle Juanengo (Morale/Welfare Coordinator)

Jorge Ortiz – SWC International Rep

1. Advised Cal X will depart 0630 hours to arrive on time

Good of the order:

Returning member Alan K said a few words about his Blue Knights time starting in 1987

Poker Chip Drawing: Alan Wheeler

50 – 25/25 Winners: Monica and Alan Kutsinger

Motion to Adjourn by: Alex

Seconded by: Miguel

Meeting Adjourned at: 1004 hours

Next Meeting:

Chapter Picnic

Sept 9, 2023

At Wheeler's House



SAFETY MESSAGE

Mike Manen, Safety Officer

Mike was on the road this month

Guest article by Richard Bennett, Director



TEN (The Game)

In 1979 the name Bo Derek was synonymous with the title “Perfect 10”; with ten being the highest score possible. You may remember Dudley Moore as the clueless suitor in the movie “Ten”, who pursued Bo Derek until he finally won her over. Ms. Derek was flattered to have the title, but modestly pointed out that she thought her legs were too skinny to really rate a “ten”.

On my motorcycle rides, I encounter other riders of all kinds. During the summer months, many of the riders wear minimal clothing, and in the winter months they either stay home or wear warm duds. I find it ironic that during the months that most riders are on the road, they wear the least amount of clothing. It is no wonder that motorcycle injuries go up in the summer and down in the winter.

Those of you who know me as the former California 6 Safety Officer know that I advocate proper riding apparel, and being a good example for all motorcycle riders. While I know that my message may be lost on some riders, there are those who only need a little nudge to embrace and practice using safety gear.

When my children were small, we often played games to pass the time. On trips across country, we played “I spy”, “find out of state plates”, etc. The board games at home taught them how to count, use strategies and plan ahead. The games were fun, educational, and entertained them at the same time.

In the same spirit of fun and enlightenment, I have invented a new game. It is based upon being a “ten”. To be a “ten” means you attain the highest score possible. Being a “ten” gives you a certain amount of bragging rights, and in some circles, panache and admiration. It is good to be a “ten”. Here is how to play my game.

Know how to reach “ten”. A “ten” is someone who wears all the gear, ideally, all the time. An example of a “ten” would be a rider who wears an approved helmet with face protection, long sleeve protective jacket, protective pants, over-the-ankle boots and full-fingered gloves. Anyone can do it.

Now get ready to play a road game with your family. When you see motorcycle riders, rate them on a scale of one to ten. Start with ten, and deduct points for the following discrepancies.

Helmet: No face protection, minus one; No side protection (1/2 helmet style), minus one; Beanie or novelty helmet, minus one; No helmet at all, minus five.

Jacket: Vest without a shirt, minus one; tee shirt only, minus one; cloth long-sleeve shirt, minus one; light weight jacket without padding, minus one. No shirt at all, minus five.

Pants: Shorts, minus one; light weight pants, minus one, denim pants without padding, minus one. No pants at all, minus five. (Just checking to see if you were reading this.)

Footwear: Flip-flops, minus one; sandals, minus one; canvas shoes, minus one; leather shoes (loafers, etc.) minus one. Barefoot, minus five.

Hands: Finger-less gloves, minus one, No gloves, minus five.

Now here is more irony. It may be possible to end up with a *minus* score. For example, a rider with a beanie helmet, no shirt, shorts, flip-flops and no gloves would get a total score of *minus 19*.

The final score is directly proportional to the survival probabilities. The higher the score, the more probable the rider will survive a catastrophic collision. For example, a “ten” may have minimal, if any injuries, where a minus 19 better have an up to date will and ample life insurance.

Give my game a try. Start with your own apparel, then rate every other rider you see. The math is so simple, even a lieutenant can do it.

I thought about getting Bo Derek to be my “ten” example, but you wouldn’t be able to see any of her charms in all that riding gear. Besides, 1979 was 44 years ago...

Appreciate each other, and ride safely.

Road Wisdom



There is a difference between wisdom and knowledge.

Noah Webster



In September 2010 I gave a presentation to a Central California BMW motorcycle group about how to avoid the embarrassment and legal consequences of receiving a moving citation on a motorcycle trip. The advice is common sense stuff, but raises the level of consciousness of riders. I have freshened it up with current content. I offer this to you now for your consideration.

TICKET-LESS TRAVEL

I was standing beside my motorcycle at the dealership. The service manager, who had just met me for the first time, was giving me unsolicited advice on how to keep from getting a ticket. His advice was how I should act after being stopped by an officer. He sounded like he was speaking from experience. He never asked my occupation

During my police career, I spent a lot of time finding and citing traffic violators. I developed a knack for spotting traffic offenders of all kinds. My boss was always keeping tabs on my "activity", which was the yardstick of performance used to award preferred assignments. It was important for me to be good at my job.

As a motorcycle rider, I have put hundreds of thousands of miles on motorcycles in the last 60 years. Knock on wood; I have never received a citation in my travels all across America, Canada, Europe and New Zealand. I have learned how to avoid citations from both sides of the fence. While not guaranteed to work for everyone, here are the results of my experience.

Avoid being pulled over. This sounds too obvious, but if you don't do something that puts Smokey on your tail, you won't have to deal with this problem. As an officer, I used to look for equipment violations as well as "movers". Keep your equipment legal and your registration current. Blend in.



Don't be the rabbit. In every highway situation, there is always a break-away driver. Despite the flow of traffic, which may already be going over the speed limit, there is always one driver who passes the group. He is the "rabbit". You can match the rabbit's speed, but follow at a distance. The rabbit always gets to the radar unit first.



Don't twist the tiger's tail. There have been several times that I had no intention of doing traffic enforcement, but my attention was drawn to the foolish behavior of a driver. I was once eating a sandwich in a parking lot when teenagers drove past me several times. They did some cat-calls and revved their car engine. After finishing my lunch, I did a "safety check" on their car. Bad luck for them; their horn didn't work.



Know your "adversary". On my trips across America, I always look for a police car or state trooper to see what their cars look like as soon as I cross the state line. Every jurisdiction seems to have a different color scheme and lighting configuration. Until I spot a unit, I am very wary of every car that approaches me from behind. Knowing what to look for helps to avoid embarrassment.





Know how radar works. Here is a quick lesson on the basics of radar. Speed is determined by reflecting a beam off a moving vehicle back to the sending unit no matter what radar band is used. Instant-on units allow drivers to get close to the radar unit before the officer turns it on, lights up your radar detector and reads your speed. The same principle is used for laser units. Laser units need a flat reflecting surface, so officers aim for your license plate.

Understand that radar reads the speed of vehicles in this priority: largest, fastest, nearest. That means that if you are in a group of vehicles, radar will read the bus first, the passing car next and the closest car last. Officers can be more selective with laser units, focusing the “dot” on one vehicle at a time. The good news for motorcycle riders is that there is very little reflective surface for the radar or laser to bounce off, so you will have to be on top of the unit before the officer gets a good reading. Use the time wisely.

Anticipate speed traps. When I worked radar, I liked to be around a curve or over the crest of a hill. Things haven’t changed much today. Crossing Arizona, for example, troopers like to sit in the center island where they are hidden by trees. Officers who work radar on busy days are selective about how much “tolerance” to allow. I never cited anyone for less than ten miles per hour over the limit; my tolerance was 15 or more over the posted limit or I wouldn’t bother to put down the coffee and doughnut. If you have cruise control, set it for eight miles over the limit and wave to the nice officer as you go by.



Signal light dynamics. A fun fact about red light violations. The Vehicle Code in California requires drivers to “stop at, or before, the limit line” at a red signal. Seems simple enough, but most drivers only consider an outright driving through an intersection to be the essence of this definition. Not so.

Drivers who stop at the intersection, but past the limit line are in violation. Officers use their discretion about these violations, but could have a bad day and make yours bad too. So, stop at the limit line and avoid the discussion with Smokey.



Also, know that Traffic Engineers set the timing for green, amber and red lights. While green and red-light timing may be adjusted for daily traffic flow, the amber light time usually remains constant. That is because amber light timing is usually determined by the posted speed limit in the area.

Industry standard is one second of amber light for each ten mile per hour of the speed limit. (Some jurisdictions may manipulate the time, but most lights share this formula.) So, for example, an amber light timing in a 25 mile per hour zone would last 2.5 seconds; in a 40-mile zone, 4.0 seconds. Knowing this, you can begin counting “one thousand 1, one thousand 2”, etc. to know how many seconds you have before the light turns red for you. Stop at the limit line and let Smokey catch those who don’t.

Avoid the big five. Of all the violations in all the codes in the entire U.S., there are five main causes of traffic collisions. They may change in order, but are almost always these: Speeding, following too closely, unsafe lane change, violation of right of way and driving under the influence. Officers are aware of this, and watch more closely for these transgressions. Because they cause most of the collisions, don’t expect a break from Smokey. Doing one of these will guarantee you a one-way trip to Palooka Ville.

Think locally, ride globally. On a cross-country ride I learned that lane-splitting, turning right on a red light and using a radar detector in some states was not legal. Who knew? Now I check the internet before I go and learn local laws. Know your limitations, pilgrim.

None of these suggestions is a guarantee you will be citation-proof; Citation-resistant, maybe. Knowing the game from both sides of the fence will help you have an incident-free trip. What could be better than that?

Appreciate each other, and ride safely.

Richard Bennett

Submit your Blue Knight articles to the Knightly News

The Knightly News is published monthly by Blue Knights California VI. All members are encouraged to submit articles. Articles deemed appropriate include, but are not limited to: articles regarding motorcycle-oriented stories, personal travel, police functions or informational / technical topics.

As a reminder, any submissions of re-printed articles must clearly give credit to the original author. Copyrighted material must have permission of the author to be eligible. This can be remedied by writing up an outline of the article and by referencing the original author.

Articles that are deemed inappropriate for publication include, and are not limited to: articles regarding controversial, personal choices, religious positions or advocacy for questionable action. Questions about material that does not fall clearly within the guidelines will be brought to the attention of the Chapter President by the Editor, for a decision of appropriateness. If necessary, the Board may review the article and make a decision to publish or not to publish.

Submit articles to Editor: electrotalk2610@outlook.com

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

SUNDAY WEEK AFTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Grant V. Frey Memorial Poker Run

Story and photos by R. Juanengo, Director BK CA VI



Many of the riders at Imperial Beach VFW August 18, 2023

The weekend started with the promise of rain from a tropical storm headed into Southern California. We were fortunate though, in that while the weather was cloudy, we didn't encounter precipitation and the less than ideal road conditions that accompany rain.



Rider briefing by BK CA VI President Ken Smith

Our ride started and ended at the VFW in Imperial Beach. The route entailed stops at the American Legion in National City, the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Balboa Park and the Mt. Soledad Veteran's Memorial. Afterward, we took a nice scenic route from the La Jolla area, hugging the oceanfront into downtown San Diego and over the Coronado Bridge.

The benefit ride was planned and coordinated almost wholly by our own Vice President **Alan Wheeler**, but membership from Blue Knights California VI rose to the occasion to ensure that the event was a success. We were further blessed in that Grant's brother, **Greg Frey** who lives in Hawaii was in attendance and was able to address the ride attendees.



Dave Navarro, Rick Carlson and Bill Crow



Jim Harkins, "Judge", R. Bennett, Alan Wheeler

The conclusion of the ride greeted the participants with a hearty lunch and fellowship that invariably entails a full day of riding. Thanks goes to our brother BK chapters that attended (CA IV, CA X, AZ X, AZ VI, NY II) as well the other clubs that came to support the ride (ALR 460, ALR 365, CVMA 33-1, CVMA 49, SD Vulcan Riders, No Rules Riders). All in all, we had a total of 64 registered riders. Grant would have been proud of the event and we will never forget him.

Blue Knights Ride with Pride!



2023 CAVI Summer Picnic



BBQ, Pool Party, Potluck

September 9, 2023

By Alan Wheeler, Vice President

This annual event, which was formerly held at the Mission Bay Yacht Club, is a fun event for the San Diego Blue Knight membership. The blue waters of Mission Bay and small sailboats made for an idyllic backdrop. A wonderful event venue—thanks to the generosity of former CAVI member Steve Turk.

However, this year the Wheelers will once again host this—now famous—Summer picnic/pool party at their Alpine home. This soon to be, six-year running picnic/pool/BBQ party was interrupted by Tropical Storm Kay on September 10, 2022. With winds and rain forecast for our party last year, we postponed the picnic until September 24, 2022. And rightly so, with Kay's high winds, the pool filled with substantial debris. If not for the gallant heroic efforts by then pool boy (me) that day, today's pool would still be soiled.

So, for September 9, 2023 we will kick things off at high-noon. The festivities will include a short general membership meeting, raffle prize winner selections, appetizer offerings and pouring of your favorite adult beverages (BYOB). Pool and spa will be open, and the BBQ will be pre-warmed. Our typical BBQ food offerings: Hotdogs and Hamburgers—did someone say cheese?

Please volunteer to bring a side-dish or dessert. Even better, bring a home-made food item (a personal touch is always appreciated).

Directions and address will be sent via email in a few weeks.

And so there is no confusion, Vic Slater can no longer wear his wife's bikini. Have fun and stay thirsty my friends.

Blue Knights, California VI

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Embassy Suites, 4550 La Jolla Village Dr., San Diego



**Same great location as last year!
Easy access by Interstates 5 and 805
Convenient indoor parking
Overnight accommodations on site
Breakfast included in hotel rate
Chapter will underwrite part of dinner cost**

**This is the premier annual event for our Chapter
Wrap up the year with friends
Enjoy the holiday season; dress in your finest attire**

**December membership meeting included
Gift exchange with White Elephant fun
Adult beverages on site
Group photo for great memories**

**Mark your calendars now
Less than four months away!**



BK News You Can Use The Town Crier

By Salvador Quezada
SWC Secretary
Blue Knights CA-X



Results of the International Board of Directors election:

PRESIDENT: DJ ALVAREZ

DJ - 2,890

Rory - 1,711

VP NA: CAL ENNALS

Cal - 1,888

Jim - 1,483

VP EUROPE: HOLK OPITZ

Holk - 613

591

SECRETARY: GLEN WHEAT

Glen - 2,418

Karen - 2,168

TREASURER: JOHN BULL

For - 4,446

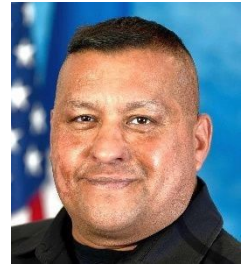
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Thank you, everyone, for participating in the voting process.
Please forward this information to all your Chapter members.

Salvador Quezada
SWC Secretary
Blue Knights CA-X



FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF BK CA VI MEMBERS



ARTURO ROMERO



\$45



\$10



\$45



\$10



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\$5



\$10



\$10

The above items are immediately available from the Quarter Master. Contact Arturo at the monthly meetings or by email.

In the pipeline: Past President Lopotosky is ordering five sets of reflective vest patches at \$70 per set. Additionally, five sets of "LE" and "MC" patches are being ordered at \$20 per set. These will be available from the Quarter Master when they arrive.

Also, John is compiling a list of members who want custom Blue Knight name tags. Contact him by email if you would like to make an order.

Quote of the day

Cars lie to us. Motorcycles tell us the *truth* - We are small, and exposed, and probably moving too fast, but that's no reason not to enjoy every minute *of every ride*.

(Season of the Bike by Dave Karlotski)

UPCOMING RIDES



NEW LOCATION

Blue Knights
California IV

SGT. MAJOR SAM WALLS
USMC (RET)

ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE BENEFIT RUN

Venue At :
Indian Motorcycle
Redlands
215 E Redlands Blvd.
Redland, CA 92373

Date & Time :
23 September, 2023 | 8 AM

Grand Prizes : Tickets \$10
A-Glock 19 or Mosberg Shotgun

FUN FOOD RAFFLE

SINGLE RIDER \$30
DOUBLE RIDER \$40

FIRST RIDERS LEAVE AT 10AM

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BLUE KNIGHTS
CALIFORNIA X

POKER RUN
SATURDAY OCT. 28 2023

Best Hand \$200.00 Worst Hand \$100.00
Registration 0800-1000 at the:
COYNE POWERSPORTS
2351 SOUTH 4TH STREET 92243

Single Rider \$30, Doubled Up \$40, Extra Poker Hand \$10

The first 100 riders will receive a pin

Good Food, Raffles and Good Times with Friends. Everyone is welcome.

RIDE WITH PRIDE !

Proceeds will benefit local charities and scholarships. If you are unable to attend and still would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please mail check to:
Blue Knights CA X, P.O. Box 646, El Centro, Ca. 92244
Donations can also be made thru our website at: blueknightsca-x.org

For information contact: Bk_ca_x@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER KNIGHTS
November 16 - 19
2023

BLUE KNIGHTS
ARIZONA VI

** No meeting, No agenda, - Just Brotherhood

** Guided ride with lunch Saturday

** Multiple restaurants, bars and shopping all walkable from the hotel

THU, NOV 16 - NOV 19
7th Annual November Knights Gathering

Going

The members of Blue Knights California VI - San Diego, are honored to support the following charities. Donations are encouraged.



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