

# THE KNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

Helen Keller

**MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING DATE**

**MAY 10, 2025**

Featured in  
this edition



**Poker Chip drawing was held. Jorge Ortiz' name was drawn.  
Since he was not present he did not win the \$5.**

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 \$10.



# CALIFORNIA VI OFFICERS AND STAFF



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## **SAFETY OFFICER**

**Mike Manen**

## **QUARTERMASTER**

**Alex Cross**

## **GREETER**

**Tina Lopotosky**

PLEDGE: As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights®



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Ken Smith President**



Congratulations BK CAVI, we did it! A big thank you and shout out to our committee that put together a killer proposal for us to host the Southwest Conference in 2026. WE GOT IT! Now the real fun begins...putting teams together to make this a GREAT Conference for all. We will have folks from International and all over the country coming to San Diego, and I know we will all pull together to put our best foot forward!

Speaking of all hands on deck! Last general meeting I had the sign-up sheet for our annual Poker Run in August. If you can't make a meeting but would LOVE to sign up, I will send the form out via email so you can all see what positions we need. Just send me an email and I'll make sure you get the credit!

This poker run is also a memorial to our former president Grant Frey, who has a special place in our Chapter. The more folks we have helping with the event, the better it goes! We also as a Chapter make a tidy sum of money from this event which pays for our Xmas party. Please consider stepping up to do even the smallest of jobs, because they are all important and need to be done!

I'd like to say a special thank you to all of my fellow members of BK CAVI. Recently, myself included, we've had members experience losses of family and loved ones, some very significant and unexpected I'm afraid. Everyone has the same conundrum. What do I say? What can I do? What I have learned is there is no one thing to say or do that is right or wrong.

The only common denominator I can find, is love. Let that person and their support network know you are there, that you love them, and are willing to do whatever it is you are able to, even in the smallest way. Most folks won't even know you were there as the process of loss can be very consuming. But later, when the smoke clears somewhat, they will take in whatever tiniest comfort they can from your words and gestures.

I just want to thank all of you for simply "being there" and being a shining example of a support network, and a class of people that understands, and do their best to "be there" when folks most need it. It is never too late to reach out!

During this time of Easter, I hope all of you are able to spend some time with those you love, and cherish those moments, they all count!

Hope to see many more of you at the next meeting in May!

Until then, Ride With Pride !!





## VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Ray Juanengo, Vice President



### Bike Blessing

A few weeks ago, some fellow Blue Knights and I rode out to the local Indian Motorcycle shop (El Cajon, CA) to take part in a bike blessing that was taking place. It was nothing fancy and what you'd likely expect. It was one rider/biker with the Christian Motorcycle Association set up with an ez-up ready to help bless riders' bikes.

It got me to thinking. This one rider was out there with a mission to bless riders and their motorcycles with the strength of his faith. Didn't we all get into our professions (active and retired) because of a similar faith? Not necessarily in a religious sense, but because of our belief in something bigger. The greater community good.

Isn't that community involvement why we joined our great brotherhood, this Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club? It certainly is one of the reasons I value our organization so highly. It's again, why our chapter organized so quickly to assist those victims of the recent Palisades fire in the Los Angeles area. It's why we continue to support local charitable organizations doing what some may say is "God's work". Of course, I know that not all of us may have that sense of duty, but I think the overwhelming majority of us truly do. I know without a doubt that we truly are the good guys.

Ride with Pride my brothers and sisters.

Ray Juanengo  
Vice President  
Blue Knights California VI



Ride Leader Mike Belluso and Sistiana Chestnut



Director Arturo Romero receiving blessing



# SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

**Mike Wagner, Secretary**

**April 12, 2025**

**Meeting Minutes**

(Minutes taken by John Lopotosky)



Call to Order: Chapter President Ken Smith at **0909** Hours

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Blue Knights Pledge

"As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights."

**Introductions/Guests:** Jay Ellis introduced his friend and possible new member Jim Martinson and his wife Janice.

**New Members:** New members Dave Campagna and Dominic Choice introduced themselves to the chapter.

Annual Charitable Donations:

1. SDPOA Representative accepted our donation of \$1000.00 for the Widows and Orphans Fund.
2. Will Josa from Next Step Service Dogs accepted our donation of \$1000.00.
3. Rick Carlson, a representative of the SDPD Museum, accepted our donation of \$1000.00.
4. A check for \$1000.00 will be mailed to the Wishes Granted Foundation in remembrance of our past member and past Chapter President, Grant Frey.
5. A donation of \$250.00 was made in support of Santiago who continues his racing adventures. He has purchased a new (to him) car and will be proudly displaying our Blue Knights Logo. An additional \$137.00 was raised by passing the hat.

**President Ken Smith – Present**

1. The 2025 Christmas Party contract has been signed.
2. We have received additional recruiting materials from the international office.
3. Passed around the sign-up sheet for the upcoming poker run.
4. He and Patti hosted a visiting Blue Knights member from Germany. We will be mailing the visiting members some chapter items as a memory to the visit.

**Vice President Ray Juanengo – Excused**

**Secretary Mike Wagner – Excused**

1. Reminder to all members if you are attending the SW Convention in June you need to register. Currently, Alan and Betsy Wheeler, Mike and Sistiana Belluso and Mike and Kaz Wagner will be attending the convention. The Convention is from June 8-12, 2025, at Red River, New Mexico.

**Treasurer Chuck Belletti**

1. Fiscal Status given to the general membership.
2. \$1,000.00 will be donated to each charity the chapter sponsors.

**Immediate Past President - John Lopotosky**

1. Raffle tickets need to be ordered in June and passed out to members at the July meeting. Each member will be given a book of raffle tickets to sell.

**Chapter Directors:**

**Director and News Editor Richard Bennett - Excused**

**Director Mike Harrison - Present**

**Director Emeritus Bill Crow - Present**

**Director Arturo Romero – Present**

1. The Poker Run will be held on August 2, 2025, at San Diego Harley Davidson. Flyers can be posted.

**Staff:**

**Safety Officer Mike Manen – Present**

1. Safety Brief for After Meeting Ride

**Webmaster - Stephen Roche – Excused**

1. Will start putting together something on the website for the 2026 SWC. He mentioned concerning payments, it will cost money.

**Quarter Master Alex Cross – Excused**

**Ride Coordinator Michael Belluso – Present**

1. Setting up the website for hosting the 2026 SWC. He mentioned once the club gets the OK; we can continue with the planning etc.
2. After Meeting Ride. CVMA ride to Escondido. 13<sup>th</sup> annual SUR “Stand Up Ride” Charity Ride. Registration: 0800 Opening Ceremony 0900. Location: Escondido Elks Lodge 2430 S. Escondido Blvd. Escondido, CA 92025.

**Alan Wheeler – Excused**

**Morale/Welfare Coordinator Michelle Juanengo – Excused**

**Greeter/Raffle Sales/Welfare Coordinator Tina Lopotosky – Present**

**SWC International Rep Jorge Ortiz – Excused**

**Poker Chip Drawing: Jorge Ortiz, Not Present**

**50-25-25 Winners**     First: Jay Ellis \$35.00     Second: Ken Smith \$35.00 (donated back to chapter)

**Good of the Order: None Stated**

**Motion to Adjourn by:**   First by: Bill Craw     Seconded by: Miguel Martinez

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 10:00 hours.

**Next General Meeting:** On May 10,2025 at the Broken Yolk Café located at 1851 Garnet Avenue. Come early for breakfast. The meeting starts at 0900.



## **SAFETY MESSAGE**

**Mike Manen, Safety Officer**



### **Foggy Notion**

Well, it's that time of year in San Diego where we have a lot of fog. Which made me start thinking of what a person should be thinking about prior to riding in the fog. So, after doing some research I found some useful tips.

Riding a motorcycle in the fog can be a thrilling but also challenging experience. Visibility is significantly reduced, and it requires heightened awareness and caution. Here are some tips to keep in mind if you find yourself riding in foggy conditions:

#### **1. Slow Down:**

- Fog can limit your ability to see both near and far, so it's crucial to reduce your speed. You might not see hazards like potholes, animals, or even other vehicles until you're very close.

#### **2. Use Your Lights:**

- Always ride with your headlights on, even during the day. In fog, you can often see better with the low beam, as the high beam can cause glare and reflect off the fog.

#### **3. Wear Protective Gear:**

- Fog can cause your helmet visor to fog up, which reduces visibility even more. A pinlock visor, or a helmet with a built-in anti-fog system, can help. You can also use an anti-fog visor spray or a breath guard.
- Full protective gear like jackets, gloves, and boots not only offer safety in case of an accident but also keep you warm, as fog often comes with cooler temperatures.

#### **4. Stay Visible:**

- Fog can make you less visible to other drivers, so make sure you stay in the lane where you're most visible and avoid weaving in and out of traffic.



## **5. Watch Out for Other Drivers:**

- Many drivers, especially those in cars, might not adjust to the foggy conditions as well as motorcyclists. Keep a safe distance from cars and watch for sudden changes in traffic behavior.

## **6. Use Your Senses:**

- In thick fog, you might not be able to rely on sight as much. Listen for sounds of traffic or potential obstacles. Trust your hearing to alert you to potential hazards.

## **7. Avoid Sudden Moves:**

- In fog, it's even more crucial to be smooth with your inputs. Abrupt throttle, braking, or steering movements can be destabilizing, especially on wet or slippery surfaces.

## **8. Give Yourself Extra Time:**

- Even if you're in a rush, fog demands patience. It can be more tiring to ride in reduced visibility, so it's better to take your time and be safe.

Stay safe and Ride with Pride!





## Road Wisdom

There is a difference between wisdom and knowledge

Noah Webster



### Southwest Conference; Been there, done that... (Can do it again)

Our Chapter won the process of bidding to host the 2026 Blue Knight Southwest Conference in San Diego. For those of us who have attended Southwest Conferences in the past, we know it is the biggest event that our Conference puts on every year. For most of our chapter members, hosting will be a new experience; our chapter has not hosted a SWC for 20 years and most of our members have joined after that.

Excitement in our chapter is growing, but for those who have not participated in producing an event like this, there may be a level of angst. I would like to reassure our members who are doing this for the first time that all will be OK. If there is any value in trading youth for experience, I offer you these words of comfort.

San Diego Blue Knights have done this before. In 1998 we hosted the Southwest Conference for the first time. It was made more challenging by having the then-president resign five months before the event. Members took up the challenge, and produced a first-class event at a Marriott Hotel in Mission Valley. The message here is that when the need arose, the members of our chapter pulled together and made it happen.

The 2005 Southwest Conference is one of the highlights of our chapter history. Put on in June of 2005, the SWC ended on a Saturday, and the next day (Father's Day) we put on a very successful annual benefit ride. Two major events, back to back!

Now that San Diego gets to host the 2026 Southwest Conference it will not be under the challenging circumstances of 1998, and will not have a back to back schedule with the annual benefit ride. We have a year to put together our event, with experienced members who know how to do it.

Here is the reality: There will be a core group who will spend the months ahead of the Southwest Conference doing all the things necessary for producing the event. Contacts will be made, facilities secured, contracts signed, agendas made, VIP invitations sent out, and more. Any one of us could be in the core group to some extent.

When the event happens, it takes on a life of it's own. All the prior planning triggers events, and our members and their families get to join in on the fun. And despite the "work" labels, it is fun.

After the 2005 SWC, I wrote an after-action report about the event. It was published in our newsletter by then-Editor Jack Kaylor. I share that with you now.

### Success Story

I woke up on Monday morning in my own bed. I had slept a deep, sound sleep for the first time in four days, and it felt good. I thought about many of our Chapter members, and how they must feel the same way today.

The 2005 Southwest Conference of Blue Knights has come and gone; so has the Annual Benefit Ride that followed immediately after the SWC. Both events had been a big success, and I heard many, many compliments from those in attendance.

During both events, I was impressed with the participation of our Chapter members. I know our President, **Kirk Hempel** will agree that it was the members who made these events a success. Before the moment passes, I want to recognize some of the key personnel and let them know how much I appreciate all they did for our Chapter.

It has been said there is a difference between being involved and being committed to something. Take a breakfast of eggs and bacon for example. We know a chicken was involved, but a pig was *committed*.

Here are some people that were committed: **Kirk Hempel**, **Jack Kaylor** and **Jim Harkins**. These three members formed an Executive Committee two years ago. Kirk works full time, but still found time to host early meetings at his home. Jack does collateral duties as Knightly News Editor, Vice-Chair SWC West and still works part time. Jim Harkins is involved in two other major organizations, but you would never know it from the time and effort he spent to make this event the best it could be. In addition, Jim was the Door Prize Chairman for the Benefit Ride. These guys found the Venue, signed the contracts, did the advertising, found committee chairmen, held countless meetings, and made it happen.

All three of these men were on site for four days. As a result, there was no problem that was not quickly and properly addressed. In fact, there were few problems, and lots of pro-active participation.

Others who went beyond the call of duty include **Shari Kaylor** and **Judy Hempel** who worked side by side with their husbands to keep things on track. (The husbands get the credit for a lot of the work by the wives.) **Tom Slaughter**, who kept our money and records straight for both events. **Susan** (Blue Knight of the Year) **Volker**, who works full time, is a wife and mother, records and publishes minutes of all our meetings and handled registration for both events. **Gary** and **Teri Talkington**, who made our Banquet a success, and untiringly staffed the Quartermaster table. **Chuck** and **Connie Braddy**, who handled registration for the Benefit Ride, hosted the "stuffing party" at their home and served as Ride Guide along with **Kirk Gray** for the City Sights Ride. **Glenn** and **Patti Carpenter**, who both work full time, put together a slide show for the Banquet and helped with every event.

Honorable mention for tireless assistance also goes to **C.K. Williams**, who procured sodas, facilitated the skills riding competition, and identified the winners. (He also made a fine hot dip for chips from a "secret" recipe.) **Bill Crow** stayed on site, providing his motor home for Security and a staff meeting place. **Tylor Harkins** who did any chore asked of him (and there were many). And to **Janice Bennett** and all the wives who worked "behind the scenes" making food appear and trash disappear at the Hospitality Room, my heart-felt thanks.

Most people see the Host Hotel, the guest appearance by **Joseph Wambaugh** and our Banquet guest speaker, **Sheriff Kolender** as a measure of our excellence. I know it *really* is the Chapter members and their families who put their lives on "hold" for a week to be at our events and serve our guests.

Many of these members stayed on to help with the Benefit Ride on (Father's Day) Sunday. As tired as we all were, everyone represented our Chapter with pleasant enthusiasm the entire day. **Chuck** and **Connie Braddy** worked the registration desk with **Donna Hughes**, **Johnny Boulden** and **Susan Voelker**. **Andru Hughes** and **Jay Diaz** were ride guides.

**Buck** and **Candy Perigo** prepped the Police Range, and then cooked the food. **Doyle** and **Luanna Hancock** sold drawing tickets, **Bruce Pfefferkorn** kept the Range in order throughout the event, and **Jack Fry** helped **Jim Harkins** with the Door Prizes. The food line was staffed by **Bob Ingram**, **Christine Gagne**, **Teri Talkington**, **Janice Bennett** and **Candy Perigo**. **Tom Slaughter**, **Bill Crow** and **Gary Talkington** assisted in the kitchen. **John** and **Tina Lopotosky** sold souvenirs and **Tylor Harkins** directed traffic.

There were countless acts of dedication by our members. So many in fact, I may have missed giving credit to everyone. Consider yourselves in this message, even if I failed to mention you by name: My sincere thanks to the talented, unselfish members of California VI!

Richard Bennett,  
Director/Past President  
Blue Knights, California VI



## Best of both worlds

### Harley-Davidson vs Honda

by Alan Wheeler



So, what do I think about my 2022 FLTRXST Road Glide ST after 1.25 years of ownership? A difficult question coming from a life-long Honda owner!

Do I now embrace the "bad-boy" attitude of most HD riders? Is the big V-twin exhaust rumble so infectious that the subtle note of the Goldwing is a distant memory? Can I ever see myself back on a Honda after living the HD dream?

Just like any rivalry there will be plenty of opinions, assertions, lies and damn lies. My experience and opinions are mine alone, so don't hate. Did you ever see the motion picture Ford v Ferrari? Competition brings out the best.

**HONDA GOLDWING:** With a 1975 born-on date, she's a relative newcomer when compared to HD beginnings. However, this Japanese designed and manufactured bike now has impressive features and functionality. My sixth generation, 2021 GL1800



Goldwing, flies like an Eagle with a flat six-cylinder engine weighing in at 810lbs and sporting a 1833cc (112 CID) displacement.

I appreciate her heated handle grips, the well-designed ergonomics, the water-cooled boxer style engine—making for a very low center of gravity. Think slow-roll competitions.

Also, the four ride modes

and upright seating position is well suited for a big-guy, like myself. Her saddle bags open with a touch of a button, and auto-lock when closed. And when on longer rides, the Nav and adjustable windshield are true genius.



HD ROAD GLIDE ST: This hi-torque Road Glide ST embodies the bad-assness (it's a word) of Harley's self-described Grand American Touring models. My 117 CID (1917 cc) has many of the same features as my Goldwing (fixed fairing, large gas tank, cruise control, 6-speed transmission, navigation, apple CarPlay, LED lighting). But the swagger and growl are nothing like the Goldwing. This solo-seat rig is designed for performance with an extra inch of rear suspension travel, higher RPM redline and tuned camshafts. My aftermarket TRASK 2 into1 performance exhaust and non-OEM tuner surely bests the HD claimed 106 hp and 127 pound-feet torque. Her exhaust note is throaty and gargles when off-throttle (loud pipes save lives). I appreciate her touchscreen but long for the Honda's heated grips.

With a little cerebral imagination, I find myself leading the pack (including Kyle Wyman) at the King of Baggers racing series. However, a reality check finds me very content riding this big V-twin to a nearby watering hole, or 300+ mile road trips. The lack of rain and unoccupied backroads of Arizona lend to ample riding opportunities. Weekday rides are all the rage in retirement.



Yes, competition is good...it will naturally suss out higher performance levels but also thoughtful features which we all seek (think wind/rain protection, heated grips, navigation, traction control, ABS, ride modes, large saddle bags, reliability, etc.). So, when I seek Ferrari-like performance with loud and proud exhaust notes - it's Harley all the way. When the riding occasion is more James Bond sophistication, I opt for the comfortable and capable do-all Honda.

However, why short change yourself when the best answer is to simply own both—which I do. Life is good.



## A Visit to the Harley-Davidson Museum

by Chuck Belletti



My wife Judy and I traveled to Chicago in early March of 2025 to attend a wedding and to sightsee. We were staying with friends who mentioned that Milwaukee and the Harley-Davidson Museum were not that far away... Merely minutes later we had tickets for four to the H-D Museum.



The first exhibit we encountered was one featuring the Blue Knights—and there I was wearing my Blue Knights t-shirt! The exhibit showcased a Wisconsin couple, Lee and Pearl, who were both HOG members and Blue Knights (from a chapter in Green Bay).

There were photos of their motorcycles over the years and descriptions of their rides, and while looking at the exhibit a man by the name of Jeff Schmidt introduced himself as our tour guide for the afternoon. Turns out Jeff was a retired Milwaukee police officer who, at one point in his career, was a motor cop

who had been issued a Harley. This H-D Museum was my kind of museum!

The H-D Museum opened in 2008 and sits on a 20-acre park-like campus bordered by the Menomonee River. There's a factory outlet shop and a terrific restaurant. There are cavernous rooms for year-round corporate events and in the summertime, there are outdoor concerts hosted on-site. Of course, the main attraction for us was the two floors of exhibits displaying the unparalleled collection of H-D motorcycles and memorabilia.



Like all museums there are permanent exhibits and others on rotation. Each of the four of us found different things that piqued our interest and/or simply surprised us. Judy, for example, was unaware of Harley's long-standing relationship with the U.S. military. In 1917 the U.S. government bought 20,000 motorcycles from H-D as we entered WWI. When World War II broke out, H-D sold some 90,000 bikes to the U.S. government and other Allied countries. In addition to motorcycles, H-D factories contributed to the production of bomb casings and casing lugs; essential components in munitions production. H-D continues to honor its military roots with special edition military-themed motorcycles as well as its annual support of the Memorial Day cross-country event Rolling Thunder.

I very much enjoyed seeing the very first H-D motorcycle, Serial Number One. Another relic that is prominently displayed is a 2004 Night Train that washed ashore in British Columbia in 2012. After the tsunami struck Japan on March 11, 2011 the container storing the Night Train traversed 4,000-miles of the Pacific Ocean. The bike's owner, Ikuo Yokoyama, was eventually located, but he declined



H-D's offer to restore it and instead requested the bike be placed on display at the Harley-Davidson Museum as a memorial to the 15,000 tsunami victims. Very moving.

There are innumerable factoids and many historically relevant and interesting occurrences in H-D's 118-year existence; more than I can cite here. More importantly (in my opinion), every fact was accompanied by photos and reference to the people—the motorcycle enthusiasts—who have used and enjoyed Harleys for eons and continue to do so today. There were exhibits that had nothing to do with H-D

but instead chronicled the camaraderie among riders of all persuasions and their love of the open road. This was a museum of my brothers and I felt that, completely.

My only regret is that we were unable to get inside the vault of motorcycles that exists within the museum. Yes, we saw hundreds of motorcycles but there were thousands in that vault (which happened to have been closed the day we were there). Next time.

Chicago is proud of its world class museums and Judy enjoyed them very much. (I met her for lunch on those days.) This Harley-Davidson Museum checked every box for me—and it, too, had a great museum cafeteria! Should you have the opportunity to visit Milwaukee, or even Chicago, I'd encourage you to stop by.



Blue Knight Chuck Belletti





## News You Can Use

Richard Bennett  
Director / Newsletter Editor



### Lost History on the Information Highway Where have all the memories gone?

First it was the lack of any information, including a photo, of one of our Chapter founding fathers, Hal Crosby. Then it was impossible to get a photo of Amos Elliott, the man for whom the Ambassador Award is named. There was also a lack of anyone who could tell me details about him. Where had that history gone?

History is important. It has been said that “What you are now is where you were when” (Bart Astor). In simple terms, it means that we are a sum of our history. Clearly, we need to do a better job of recording history; for us, and for future Blue Knight members.

Every Blue Knight Chapter has a “start date”; the official time the chapter was chartered. For some chapters it has only been a few years, for others it has been decades. No matter the tenure, chapters need to memorialize their history right from the start. It is called *corporate knowledge*.

Time passes, Board Directors change, members come and go. Chapter history is being made every day, but how do we remember? Departing members often take photos and memorabilia with them. *Corporate memory* is lost. This is not unique to our chapter. When I research my articles, I frequently encounter gaps in Blue Knight history wherever I go. Gaps that could have easily been memorialized, but were not.

One of the best organizations for memorializing history is the San Diego Police Historical Association. Of course, their mission is to record and preserve history, but in doing so they show everyone how it can be done in their own organizations. While we may not need to be so detailed, we can use their examples.

Tom Giaquinto is the designated Historian. He spends countless hours going through old police reports, photographs and news articles to find and capture San Diego Police historical events. He often recovers material from discarded files; history that would have otherwise been lost.

Vice President Steve Williard established a detailed website, which is easily searchable on line. With every notification of a former police employee death, Steve creates a Memorial page which outlines the employee’s tenure and solicits public comment. History at its finest. Find it at [www.sdpolicemuseum.com](http://www.sdpolicemuseum.com)

The contrast here is noteworthy. The SDPD is the gold standard for memorializing history; Blue Knight chapters, not so much.

Our chapter, California VI, has a pretty comprehensive Chapter Procedures document. It is designed to cover everything from structure, job descriptions and rules of conduct. What is missing is a procedure to *archive history*.

Maybe your chapter lacks a procedure to archive history too. I encourage you to establish such a procedure and ratify it in your policy & procedures manual. Each January a review of our procedures manual is scheduled for our chapter in order to keep it relevant. At our next procedures manual revision review we should add an archive procedure. It is important to our corporate knowledge.

If you have photos or stories about CA VI chapter activities and events, please share them. You may email them to me at [electrotalk2610@outlook.com](mailto:electrotalk2610@outlook.com), or bring them to a chapter meeting. I will create a file that can be used to archive our chapter history.

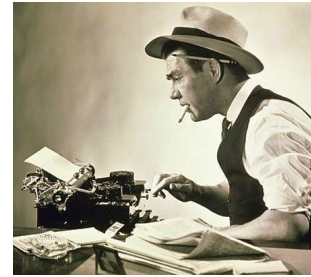
Current and future Blue Knights will be able to learn more about our chapter and its history. And that’s a good thing.





## From the Editor

Richard Bennett  
Director / Newsletter Editor



This is your Newsletter. It is intended to communicate with our members, and show others what we are doing. Your contributions are needed.

Blue Knights come from a tradition of public service, and are family-oriented. We share a love of motorcycle riding and family inclusiveness. We are proud of our club and the members that are in it. That is why I am asking for your contributions.

There will always be designated pages for your elected Board of Directors. These are instruments designed to inform and archive our achievements.

But there is almost unlimited space for your contributions. As the Editor I would like to someday have so many articles that I have to pick and choose because of volume.

So, give it some thought. You don't need to be a professional writer; just one who can share some interesting stories. Did you do a day ride to an interesting place? Go riding with Blue Knights at an event? Participate in a community event? Have some safety tips? All those, and more, are the basis for interesting stories.

And pictures! Lots of pictures make the story come alive. Photos can be sent to me in jpg format. Stories are best received in Word format. If you don't have Word, I will work with you to get it in a format I can use.

So, dust off the computer, check the "pictures" file, and write me a story. The Newsletter is what you make it. Let's make it great!

Send contributions to: [www.electrotalk2610@outlook.com](mailto:www.electrotalk2610@outlook.com)

### Editorial Policy

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.

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