

# THE KNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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## FEBRUARY 2026



Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle. (Plato)

**MEMBERSHIP**  
**MEETING DATE**  
**MARCH 14, 2026**

Featured in  
this edition



**Poker Chip drawing was held. Ken Smith's name was drawn. Since was present he won the \$25, which he donated back to the chapter**  
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 \$30.



# 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 Ray Juanengo by email at: [BlueKnightsCAVI.VP@gmail.com](mailto:BlueKnightsCAVI.VP@gmail.com)



# CALIFORNIA VI OFFICERS AND STAFF



## **PRESIDENT**

**Ken Smith**

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**Richard Bennett**

**Mike Harrison**

**Arturo Romero**

## **MORALE & WELFARE**

**Michelle Juanengo**

## **IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT**

**John Lopotosky**

## **WEBMASTER**

**Betsy Wheeler (temp.)**

## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

**Richard Bennett**

## **RIDE COORDINATOR**

**Michael Belluso**

## **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**

**We are family**



Greetings Blue Knights far and wide, and especially my CAVI family!

It's been another great month here in San Diego, we've probably had the warmest winter in decades and riding in it has been phenomenal.

I want to talk a minute about "family". Family means many things to many people, and for us Blue Knights, being part of this organization, has expanded everyone's family to new levels, whether you realize it or not!

I was at the Blue Knights Winter Gathering in Lake Havasu a few weeks ago, and for those who haven't been, you really are missing out on a great weekend of fun.

During one of the camaraderie sessions in the lounging room, one of our most respected Southwest Conference members, and Immediate Past President of Arizona VI, Chet Parker, said something that took great meaning with everyone in the room. He mentioned that going to rides and events in your Chapter or even at the conference level are great, but until you get outside that zone, and to other areas of the country, and other conference level events, you really don't understand or appreciate what the Blue Knights brotherhood is, what it has to offer, and how deep our family runs.

Granted, I'm not quoting him directly, but you get the gist. And I more than got the gist of what he meant. I am grateful for Chet expressing these thoughts, especially since he will be relocating out of state and to another Conference. I know we will all miss him and wish him nothing but the best. His new "family's" gain is truly our loss!

Blue Knights members are already part of a family when they put on that badge and swear an oath to their country, their state, their city, and their communities and families. But joining Blue Knights puts you into another family, and not just one of folks sharing a love of motorcycling. Being in Blue Knights allows you the freedom of expression, with things related to our careers and interests, that we could never do at our respective depts. We aren't allowed to have personal opinions expressed openly at work, too many regs prevent it. But here, you can not only express yourself but share in the expressions of others who share similar faiths, families, and the dedication to service.

Dedication to service is probably the most underpinning factor that drives Blue Knights to do things like form clubhouses, run events, and participate in all things charity. It creates a "family" unlike any other.

So, when we are all out recruiting new members (remember, ALL BLUE KNIGHTS are ambassadors to our organization, and recruiters for our Chapters!), this should be an easy sell.

I would like to challenge all my CAVI brothers and sisters to try and recruit one new member this year. If we can land 4 to 6 new "family" members who are "frequent flyers" to our meetings and events, we will have a much easier time doing things like staffing the SWC or our annual Poker Run, and so much more. Just a few more worker bees make all the difference!

And for all my CAVI brothers and sisters who can't or don't make it to many monthly meetings, I challenge you to try and be there. Your FAMILY misses you and needs you more than you know. Recently we've had a few members fall upon difficult times, and we need to pull together to show our support and love, and be there for our family members! We even have one member deployed in Minneapolis with ICE, and you know how dangerous that has been. Nothing beats more prayers and more support to those when they need it!

We have lots of rides coming up and a HUGE Southwest Conference about 100 days away. PLEASE REGISTER NOW so the Chapter has the monies on hand to pay upfront costs (which is just about everything these days!)

Your Blue Knights family is always there for you, always ready. Will you be there for them? Will you be there for your "family"? I know you will!

Wishing all the best to my "family", and as always, stay safe, stay vigilant, and Ride With Pride!!!!



## VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Ray Juanengo, Vice President**



### Visit with a Blue Knight on the mend

On February 7th, a few of us from Blue Knights CA VI went out to visit one of our own. Legendary SDPD homicide detective (retired) and fellow Blue Knight, Richard Carlson just had heart surgery a few days prior.

In the spirit of brotherhood and support, we rode out to Rick's home and paid him a visit. Rick, along with his son, came out to greet us. Rick appeared to be in good spirits and he and his son appreciated the time to share some history on the vehicles on the premises. We got a peek at his latest vehicle, a tribute trike to the comics era Batman!

Blue Knights Ride with Pride, especially in support of our own.



**Rick with Chaplin Randy Alldredge**



**Mike Wagner, Randy**



**Admiring Rick's Batmobile**



**Mike Wagner, Rick, Randy Alldredge, Me**



# SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

**Mike Wagner, Secretary**



**February 14, 2026  
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Chapter President Ken Smith called the meeting to order at 0906 hours

Pledge of Allegiance given by Alex Cross

Moment of Silence for Members of Heaven one.

Recognition of Fallen Chapter Members

Prayer given by Chaplain Randy Alldredge

Introductions/Guests: Randy Alldredge introduced his son Randy Alldredge and his son's wife Meghan.

Ken Smith introduced Mary (Cupcake) Pittman. Mary spoke to the membership informing them she is involved in two cross country motorcycle rides. The first, is RUN FOR THE WALL. Is the largest and longest organized Cross-Country Motorcycle Run of its kind in the world. It starts at Ontario, California to Washington, DC then to Marseilles, Illinois. The ride raises awareness of those missing Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA). The second, ride is THE ROLLING BARRAGE. This ride raises the stigma that surrounds PTSD. It is a coast-to-coast ride across Canada.

### **Blue Knights Pledge:**

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### **President Ken Smith - Present**

1. Southwest Conference Leadership Changes discussed.
2. Mike Belluso new club Treasurer. Ken mentioned Chuck Belletti resigned as the club's Treasurer. The membership voted unanimously for Mike Belluso to become the new Treasurer. Everyone congratulated "Mike".
3. Winter Gathering Review. A small group of Cal VI riders participated. They have a worldwide Podcast. Participant from Blue Knights International. Ken said it was mentioned at this event to see the magnitude of what is going on around you need to get outside of your own chapter and conference.
4. Ideas for merchandise, activities and awards for the SWC 2026 (aprons, trivia). 50/50 Drawing and other trivia games. Anyone having ideas to make this SWC even better, notify a SWC Committee member.
5. Gun Raffle return. Ken informed the membership there are too many liability issues involving annual weapons raffles. The club will continue with cash prizes.
6. Ken informed to the membership Director Mike Harrison's daughter's husband died from cancer.

**Vice President Ray Juanengo - Present**

1. He mentioned to the membership Randy Alldredge, Mike Wagner and himself visited member Rick Carlson last Saturday. Rick is doing well after heart surgery and thanked everyone for their support.
2. Ray suggested there should be a ride to Mike Harrison's home in the near future.

**Secretary Mike Wagner - Present**

1. Update of BK CA VI Roster and Phone Tree.
2. Will create an email to send out to the general membership informing them what takes place at the General Membership Meetings.

**Treasurer Mike Belluso - Present**

1. Gave treasury info to membership.

**Immediate Past President - John Lopotosky - Present**

1. Patch Issue. He mentioned he has been cleaning up some of the club's patch designs. He stated every chapter is authorized to have a club patch. Our chapter was chartered in 1989. There are over 650 chapters with over 1900 members world-wide. He informed the membership they can sign up for around the world Facebook. There is also a Facebook Website for our chapter members can log onto.
2. Discussed member renewals.

**Chapter Directors:**

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

1. In January the procedures manual was to be updated. Will add the Chaplain's Position to the procedure's manual. He mentioned to the membership if they are aware of a Morale/Welfare Issue within the club to notify a board member, which in turn will notify the President and then Morale Welfare Coordinator Michelle or Chaplain Randy can take appropriate action.
2. Newsletter articles keep submitting them.
3. The board approved having National City Police Officer Kyle Fitchhorn give a one-hour class and two-hour practice safety course at the SWC 2026.
4. There will be Ambassadors 24/7 at the SWC from our club assisting riders when they arrive at the hotel.

**Director Mike Harrison - Not Present**

**Director Emeritus Bill Crow - Present**

1. He wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.
2. He informed the membership about the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Vietnam Veterans Ride being held on February 21, 2026, in Honor of Tom Slaughter. It will start at Indian Motorcycle of El Cajon 345 N. Magnolia Ave. El Cajon, California. The hours are from 8 am till 2pm.

**Director Arturo Romero - Present**

1. He introduced Santiago, one of the race car drivers the club will sponsor. Santiago informed the membership he participated in one of his biggest events in Arizona. He competed against 60 other drivers. He is going to Bakersfield on February 20-21, 2026 to compete in another racing event.
2. Randy Alldridge Jr. thanked the membership for sponsoring both Santiago and him. He mentioned Santiago and he are in different racing classes/divisions.
3. John Lopotosky mentioned the club will donate \$250.00 to each driver. He made the First Motion and Ray Juanengo Seconded the Motion.

**Staff:**

**Quarter Master Alex Cross** - Present

**Web Master – Betsy Wheeler** - Not Present (SWC Only) Ken Smith will be the Web Master for the chapter until a replacement can be found.

**Ride Coordinator Michael Belluso** - (Randy filling this position until Mike recuperates from shoulder surgery)

1. Randy mentioned the After Meeting Ride will be to a family-owned winery in Ramona. After the winery, the group will continue on Highland Valley Road until reaching I-15 in Escondido. From there everyone will then head home.

**Safety Officer Mike Manen** – Present

1. He mentioned to the membership about writing an article about riding with your significant other.

**Chaplain Randy Alldredge** -

1. The club will sponsor two Barona car racers, Santiago and Randy Alldredge Jr.

**Morale Welfare Coordinator Michelle Juanengo** - Not Present

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

**SWC International Rep Jorge Ortiz** - Not Present

**Poker Chip Drawing:** \$25.00 Ken Smith donated his winnings back to the club

**50-25-25 Winners:** \$41.00 each. First: Meghan Alldredge Second: Randy Alldredge (Senior)

**Good of the Order:** Mary Pittman is very excited about having a skills course at the SWC 2026. She mentioned riders attending this course would improve their riding performance from 37 to 51 percent.

Motion to Adjourn by: First: Mike Manen Second: Bill Crow

Meeting Adjourned at 1007 hours

Next General Meeting: On March 14, 2026, at the Broken Yolk Café located at 1851 Garnet Avenue. The meeting starts at 0900.

# Countdown to 2026 Southwest Conference

Still not registered to attend?



During my tenure as a Blue Knight I have attended about 30 Southwest Conferences, and been a part of producing four. The 2026 SWC will be my third conference in San Diego as the sponsoring chapter. Here are some things I have learned that make a Southwest Conference a good experience.

## **The Southwest Conference is a big deal.**

The annual Southwest Conference is our biggest event of the year. Five states are invited to attend the mandated annual meeting of the SWC Board of Directors. This is where the SWC Board of Directors and Chapter presidents get together; it is where the General Membership meeting happens, and this year it is where Board of Directors install new officers. Business meetings aside, San Diego is providing outstanding activities and entertainment.

## **To make a SWC happen, the Host Chapter invests more time and money than you know.**

Blue Knight chapters bid to host Southwest Conferences with the SWC Board of Directors. Lead time is usually two years from the event. In some cases, the lead time is less; San Diego had one year.

During our year, our Southwest Conference planning committee has done an amazing job of conquering logistical needs, from securing the best Hotel to offering multiple interesting daily events. Committee members have spent countless hours securing goods and services for the event. As we draw to within 90 days of the conference, the hard work is paying off.

## **There is a cost to everything, but also ways to make it affordable.**

A good venue is important to a successful conference. We want our Blue Knights to have an enjoyable stay while conducting SWC business. Finding an outstanding Hotel for the SWC was a priority. Hotels in San Diego in the summertime are not cheap. Despite that, our committee got the best price available for an excellent hotel in the heart of San Diego. In addition to comfortable rooms, there are two free breakfasts each day, free Wi-Fi, free parking, and no resort fee. At \$249 per night for a king or double, that is a lot for your money.

## **You can afford to stay at the host hotel.**

Of course, you can find motels for less. You can also reduce your individual hotel costs to that of a cheap motel, and stay at the Handlery with all of your friends. Do you have a riding partner, or someone you can meet at the hotel? Over the years I have shared a motel room with another rider and split the cost. Same daily room cost, but divided by two. And you still get the daily breakfast included at the Handlery.

## **Sponsoring Blue Knight chapters need you to patronize the host hotel.**

Host hotels negotiate contracts based upon guaranteed room nights. In simple terms, the hotel will make concessions, such as compensated (free) rooms in exchange for X number of room nights. Exact number of rooms or number of nights in the rooms is like predicting earthquakes; you can only guess. If the estimated number of room nights meets or exceeds the agreement, all the benefits of the contract are given.

But what if the estimate falls short? Some benefits are reduced, and some are not given. Knowing this, the SWC committee tried to make an educated guess before signing a contract. Now we are counting on our Blue Knights to book rooms at the Handlery to meet our estimate. Everyone will be a winner.

## **We are committed to providing an outstanding event.**

It has been 20 years since San Diego hosted the Southwest Conference. Our chapter's goal is to provide the best SWC we have ever done. In addition to being a vacation destination, San Diego has chamber of Commerce weather. All the better for motorcycle riding.

Our SWC Committee has planned for daily activities, outings and events that has something for everyone. We have a professional motorcycle trainer who will give a classroom presentation followed by a skills course in the parking lot. Usually costing participants for this training, we are providing it *free* for Blue Knights.

We have guided and self-guided rides to interesting areas in San Diego County. A visit to the U.S. Midway is also planned. A special area called "Handcuff Alley" has been set aside, just for Blue Knights. And there are other activities and events on site, including 50-50 drawings, hospitality room, raffles and more.

All of this includes the Southwest Conference annual meeting with installation of new Board of Director officers and the annual membership meeting. Capping off the event will be a wonderful banquet meal with presentation of awards. (Wear your fancy duds.)

We hope to see you; All of your friends will be here. And who knows, it may be another 20 years before San Diego hosts the Southwest Conference again.

Richard Bennett, Director CA VI



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## SAFETY MESSAGE

### Mike Manen, Safety Officer



## PASSENGERS

Well its February again and that means love is in the air. Which means a lot of folks will be taking their significant other on a motorcycle ride. There is a lot of information on the internet concerning this subject, lets start with the basics, is your bike set up to ride two up? The folks at Motosport.com have a lot of useful information.

1. Carrying a heavy passenger on a small motorcycle can be hard work. A bigger and more powerful motorcycle usually handles a passenger easily. In addition to the extra weight, a passenger changes the center of gravity and how the bike rides. Make sure your bike is set up to handle the extra weight. Trying to carry an additional full-size adult without ensuring the bike is set up for it is never a good idea. Also the added weight will impact acceleration, braking, and suspension. Make sure your brakes are in good shape to be able to stop with a heavier load, and that your suspension is set up for additional weight.
2. Your bike will require someplace for a pillion (passenger) to sit and a place to put their feet.
3. If you're only carrying a pillion over a short distance, there's no real need to adjust your motorcycle. If you will be going long distance, it's worth your while to adjust your motorcycle's suspension and tire pressure to handle the extra weight. If you will be doing the adjusting yourself, be sure to check with your MOM (Motorcycle Owners Manual). MOMs know everything (at least about your bike)!
4. Backrests are a desirable feature for a passenger but not required. If the bike has a top case, this can double as a backrest. Some larger bikes have large backrests and arm supports. These allow the passenger to relax and feel secure without holding onto the rider. Smaller backrests may simply be there to prevent the pillion from sliding off, not as a place to rest their back.
5. Next important item is the seat. An ideal saddle is comfortable, wide enough to support your passenger and deep enough front to back to give them room to adjust their position without crowding against you, the rider. A narrow seat can be uncomfortable and make the passenger feel less secure. It should not slope rearward and any slope to the front should be very minimal to keep the

pillion from sliding into the rider. Some cruisers and touring bikes have a raised passenger seat. This may permit the passenger to more easily see over the rider. Nearly all motorcycles can have a passenger seat replaced with a more comfortable one.

6. Having a place for your passenger to put their feet can be an issue. If your bike doesn't have passenger pegs, check the manufacturer's recommendations for adding them. If they don't recommend it, choose a different bike. You will also need to check that the pegs do not cause the pillion to bend their legs in an uncomfortable way. They will also need to be able to support themselves on their legs, especially over bumps. Floorboards can offer more flexibility for them and are available for many cruisers and touring bikes.





# Road Wisdom

There is a difference between wisdom and knowledge  
Noah Webster



## Protect Your Helmet

...it does the same for you

I parked my almost-new Harley in front of the door to a CVS drug store, left my almost-new full-face helmet on the seat and went inside. I could clearly see the Harley and the helmet from inside the store, making me confident they would both be unmolested.

An older van drove up and parked next to my scooter and helmet. It blocked my view, but I was almost done shopping. Within five minutes the van drove away, taking my almost-new helmet with it. Now, helmetless, I fumed, cursed and finally accepted my fate; I rode home helmetless.

This lesson happened pre-helmet laws in California. Today I would be stranded until I could get a helmet to wear before riding. Still, the lesson stung me, and I have never again left a helmet unsecured on my motorcycle.



Unstung motorcycle owner

Today I am amazed to see parked motorcycles left with unsecured helmets and jackets, while the riders are nowhere to be seen. They are the "unstung" among us. Some lessons come the hard way.

The cost of good riding apparel, including a quality helmet, comes close to exceeding a full weeks' pay. Having a communication system installed in the helmet makes the cost even more. If you can afford the replacement costs, there is still the problem of being stranded without riding gear or helmet. It also requires a shopping trip or two to find and replace everything that was lost. Time and money spent that could have been avoided.

Talking to fellow riders about this subject has resulted in comments like "No one ever messed with my gear before" and "I can see if anyone touches my stuff". Occasionally someone would ask me how I secure my helmet to my motorcycle. These are the realistic riders.

So, I share with you the quick and easy ways to avoid theft of your personal gear from your unattended motorcycle.

- Don't leave any gear unattended and unsecured on your motorcycle. Period.
- Always be mindful of potential theft. Always.
- Take your gear, especially your helmet, with you. Restaurants will accommodate.
- Install after-market helmet locks on your motorcycle. Always use them.
- Anything that will fit in saddlebags or top box should be put inside. Out of sight, out of mind.

See? Simple things that could save you from having a bad day while on a motorcycle ride. The alternatives are risky; The choice is yours.



Helmet on foot peg; gloves in helmet



## AFTER MEETING RIDE

February 14, 2026

by Randy Alldredge



After a great meeting on Saturday, Valentine's Day, some of the BK CA VI crew took a little ride out east to a Veteran owned winery, "Mermaid Valley Vineyards." The owners, Scott and Kim Flinn both served honorably in the United States Navy.

Kim was such a graceful host, along with her son-in-law. We tasted several of their home-grown wines and enjoyed great conversations about how they came to be and how they chose the name "Mermaid" for their winery (Navy related of course).

The winery is nestled in a quiet southwest area of Ramona, CA, just off Highland Valley Road. The winery is impeccably clean, inviting and has a homegrown atmosphere. There are plenty of places to sit both inside and out, to enjoy a sip of wine and good conversations.

We enjoyed the winery for an hour or so and then continued west on Highland Valley Road to complete the ride. It was a beautiful day for a ride and camaraderie with those able to attend.

All returned home safely. Another successful ride. Until next month, Ride With Pride!

Note: Jen was out picking grapes when we took the group photo...!





# 2026 SWC Winter Gathering

Lake Havasu City, AZ. January 30 - February 1

by Alan Wheeler



This years' Southwest Conference Winter Gathering had less than normal CAVI participation, but that did not stop President Ken Smith, Jen Wade, the Bellusos and Wheelers from having one hell-of-a-good-time.

This year, the ladies of CA X, provided the first night dinner for all participants. This low cost, tasty dinner was unexpected—yet sincerely appreciated. Of course, cocktails, cigars and stories followed.

Saturday morning a group of more than 25 bikes/trikes rode to a Route 66 favorite—Oatman, AZ where luck would have it, the town's annual Main Street Bed Races were in progress. Teams of 5 (4 pushers and one sheet jockey) raced for approx. 100 yards to wild hoots and hollers of many spectators. I'm not sure what the teams won; perhaps a feral donkey ride.



A detour was encountered on the return trip home. We were told a motorcycle accident was the cause and later learned this accident became a fatality. Arizona is a helmet-optional State, but prudence and sound judgment would necessitate one.

Saturday night was a repeat of Friday night—which was all good. Recently retired Alex Leyva (Big Dawg) supplied fantastic party tunes while work stories, jokes and lies carried the night. The camaraderie was as thick as our cigar smoke.

Please consider attending next year's fifth annual Winter gathering in Lake Havasu City—where Winter feels like Spring.





## BK News You Can Use The Town Crier



### Benefits of AMA membership

Starting January 2026, the U.S. Department of the Interior has restored the America the Beautiful Pass provision allowing coverage for two motorcycles per pass at national parks across the United States.

In 2024 an effort was made by the Department of the Interior to move toward a digital pass to reduce fraud related to multiple signature lines on the pass. The new pass allowed only one signature per pass, resulting in admitting only one motorcycle with two passengers.

Compared to automobiles, bicycles and pedestrians, which continued to cover four individuals, motorcycle riders faced reductions in park entries. The American Motorcyclist Association Government Relations Department worked closely with Rep. Tim Walberg, himself a motorcycle rider, to reinstate the two-motorcycle provision.

Thanks to the efforts of the AMA, the America the Beautiful pass will once again cover two motorcycles per pass at national parks.





# CHAPLAINS CORNER

by Randy Alldredge

March 2026



“March” seems to be the month when everything starts to settle down from the holidays and starts getting busy with, well... life!

As we ramp up for Club business this month, (Southwest Conference) I am reminded how important it is to pause every day for just a moment to reflect on our own lives, families, and goals. We get so busy with our everyday routines, we sometimes forget to stop and count our blessings.

Lately, we have had a few members go through medical procedures, some life threatening; all are now in the healing process. Although it is always concerning to endure medical issues, it sure gives us some extra time to self-reflect and count our blessings. Sometimes it is hard to understand why we must go through such things. I often wonder why something, or another, happens.

I found comfort and answers in Proverbs 3:5-6

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*

*In all ways acknowledge Him and He will direct our paths.”*

I approach my life with the philosophy of knowing everything happens for a reason. Sometimes we get to find out the reasons, while other times we do not.

Such a simple verse, right? But what a really hard thing to do. We as humans always want to know “WHY,” and we want to know “NOW.” It’s human nature...But God has His own timeline for us. His timing is ALWAYS right. I struggle everyday with His timeline. I probably recite this verse ½ dozen times a day. It gives me peace and reassures me that someone greater than me is at work in my life.

I encourage each of us to carry this simple verse in our heart and recite it in times of need and uncertainties. It really helps!!! It’s an easy verse to memorize...And the rewards of knowing Our Lord Jesus Christ is at work in our lives is a true blessing!

Take a moment each day to unplug and count your blessings! You will be surprised how much you really have to be thankful for!!!

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Give thanks in ALL circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus in you!!!

God Bless!

*Note: If anyone needs special prayer, please email me at [ran5150@yahoo.com](mailto:ran5150@yahoo.com) so I can add you to my prayer list. All prayer requests are confidential.*



## FOR SALE

### Treasures and Bargains From our Members



This well maintained and perfect running ST is ready to ride. She has had a recent 3-hole oil change and front tire replacement. She now sports Metzeler Cuisetec's. Under 21,000 miles on the odometer. She's has had a few upgrades.

1. 15 inch handlebars
2. Aftermarket seat
3. SCREAMIN' EAGLE AIR CLEANER - EXTREME WEDGE
4. TRASK Assault 2-1 performance short pipe
5. A performance electronic tuner installed and dyno tested by TRASK PERFORMANCE
6. TRASK CheckM8 vented transmission top cover
7. 10 inch smoked windshield

This ST is a torque beast. Her 117 CID engine dose not disappoint. 6 gears forward—no reverse. AZ title in hand. Bike is located in Carefree, AZ. Owner is a 64 y/o with a gentle right wrist. I can provide more info if interested. Please TEXT MESSAGE your interest to :

Alan Wheeler, CA VI

619-890-7273 iPhone

Asking \$20,000



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



<https://thewishesgrantedfoundation.com/>



<https://nextstepservicedogs.org/>



[www.sdpolicemuseum.com](http://www.sdpolicemuseum.com)



San Diego Police Widows and Orphans Fund

[www.sdpoa.org](http://www.sdpoa.org)

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## **Submit your Blue Knight articles to the Knightly News**

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