

February

Hello Fellow Knights,

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE E-MAIL!

REQUEST TO OUR CHAPTER:

The Ventura County Peace Officers Association has contacted us regarding a Santa Maria Police Officer who is battling cancer. They would like the Blue Knights to "escort" a donation check and present it at a fund raiser for the officer that will take place in April. I am committed to going, even if I have to take time off to do it. We don't know the dates yet, I will keep you informed. Let me know if you want to go...

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Dues are past due, everyone who is planning on joining this year must contact Erik Stadler Immediately. You will need to complete a registration form and give him your dues for the Chapter and the International Office. Erik can be contacted at the Fillmore Station, or use the numbers on your copy of the membership roster. There is a late charge of 5.00 due for each member who has not yet turned in their money.

ELECTIONS:

Elections are open for officers. Any member (Who has paid their dues) may run for office. The following is a list of the offices and the members who are running for each at this point:

President: Landis Potter, Larry Meyers

Vice President: Joe Galante

Secretary: Stan Hibdon

Treasurer: Erik Stadler

Contact Joe Galante if you wish to run and your name will be placed on the ballot. VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MARCH MEETING, so please plan to attend. Do not hesitate to put your name in the hat, no feelings are going to be hurt, we are a democratic club and everyone should get involved.

EVENTS:

After a communication mix up, the Race Safety Director for the Redlands Bicycle Classic contacted me today and asked how many members we have who can commit to working March 26, 27, or 28.

You don't have to commit to all three days, you can do one, two or all, they just need some hard numbers so they can schedule accordingly. I will follow up with additional information regarding lodging etc, as they pay for food hotel etc. If you want to work any part of this, please let me know as soon as possible and I will do what I can to get it together. This could mean some good money for the chapter, so please consider it seriously.

California Police Motorcycle Olympics, Pacific Grove.

Saturday April 3, is a parade of the Blue Knights members who attend, followed by the drill team competition. Contact Larry Meyers if you would like to go, sounds like this will be a blast.

May 16: Ride For Kids, benefits the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, starts at the American Honda Offices at 1919 Torrance Bl., Torrance Ca. Registration 0730 to 0945. Annual event, great ride for a great cause. Contact Joe Galante if you are going to attend.

June: Tribute to the toughest Veteran Support Ride. Dates have not been determined, some kind of legal issue in progress, will keep all updated as I hear more.

August 22: Downed Officer Support Ride.

Registration 0800 to 1000 at the Valencia Town Center Mall, we rode this one last year and I heard it was excellent.

December: Toy Run.

Organized by Bikers for Christ, we rode last year and this was one of the best rides I have ever participated in, very inspirational. Exact dates not set yet, I will keep you posted.

Lots of months with no ride plans yet, so here are a few suggestions that came up at the February Meeting;

Dinner ride each month to someplace local, family atmosphere and a chance to get together when we are not riding anywhere that month? Suggestions were Rattler's BBQ in Valencia, Paradise Cove Cafe in Malibu, Palms in Carpinteria, Fess Parker's in Santa Barbara. How about it Road Captain candidates?

Last but not least, we received an e-mail from Blue Knights Sacramento, Chapter I. They would like to have an all California Blue Knights weekend gathering that they will host. California is split into two conferences, so this would be a nice chance to get everyone together for an informal fun gathering. As soon as dates get finalized, I will pass it on.

God Speed to all and Ride With Pride,
Joe Galante, Vice President
Blue Knights Ca. XVII

March?

April

Hello Fellow Knights,

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ron Large Stan Hibdon Nolan Stoyko Rene Machado
Mark Hanks Jim Aguirre Ken Cozzens Dave Archer
Cliff Hodge Larry Meyers Larry Baugher Landis Potter
Joe Galante

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Potter (Chapter Historian)
Keith Lazz Dennis Riley

2004 OFFICERS:

President: Larry Meyers
Vice President: Joe Galante
Secretary: Stan Hibdon
Treasurer: Erik Stadler
Director: Landis Potter
Director/Web Master: Ron Large
Director/Chaplain: Dave Archer

- Congratulations to Larry Meyers as our President.
- Thank you Landis Potter for being instrumental in getting our chapter started, your efforts are greatly appreciated.
- Stan Hibdon is taking the Secretary position to help out Erik Stadler, who held both positions last year.
- Thanks also to Hank Carrillo, who accepted a Director position last year to help us get started.
- Landis will be transitioning from President and assuming Hank's position, will take a load off of Hank, the busiest man in Fillmore!

2004 ROSTER:

The latest roster is attached. The roster will only be distributed to paid members. Those members who did not join this year have been placed on a mail list as friends of the Blue Knights and they will continue to receive ride information only.

Welcome to our newest members, Larry Baugher and Cliff Hodge. Our member ship stands at 26 members so far this year. We may soon be adding Keith Lazz and Dennis Riley if they choose to join.

Charter Members who need a "charter member" patch need to contact Dave Archer as soon as possible so he can complete the order for the last few patches. The cost is \$10 for each patch and it is positioned on the right chest area, opposite the blue knights shield that is on the left chest area of the vest. The top edge of the charter member patch should be level with the top edge of the shield patch.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Erik Stadler was not able to be present and will send out his report to everyone via e-mail.

SANTA MARIA RIDE FRIDAY APRIL 16:

We are meeting at Mike Fiesta Restaurant at 2:15 pm and leaving at 2:30 pm for the ride to the benefit for Santa Maria Officer Mark Rittering. (apology if misspelled We will be escorting a

check from the Ventura County Peace Officer's Association to the family. Some members are planning on spending the night and some are going to ride back Friday night. If you plan to spend the night, maybe we could all find a common motel in advance? Contact me (Joe) if you plan to stay and I will see about a few rooms if needed.

RIDE TO DAVE MARCH RALLY:

The rally for Deputy Dave March, who was killed last year in Irwindale, is planned for 10:00 am at the College of the Canyons on Saturday May 1. Could be a nice ride for a good cause and then a side trip for lunch?

RIDE FOR KIDS

May 16, supports the pediatric brain tumor foundation. Registration is at the Honda Offices in Torrance, 1919 Torrance Blvd. 0730 to 0945 hours. Contact Joe if you plan to attend.

BEYOND THE WALLS

Community Service Day, held on Saturday June 5th involves helping out those who need a hand for a day. Contact Ken Cozzens if you can participate. Great chance for us to get our faces out there for a good cause guys.

DOWNED OFFICER SUPPORT RIDE

August 22, we need to have a full out effort to attend this one, held in Valencia and we rode it last year.

How about some short local rides to get us back on track?

Anyone can put a ride together, let's get at it.

May & June

Hello Fellow Knights,

The following is the re-cap for our June 1st meeting;

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Larry Meyers Joe Galante Erik Stadler Dan Kiernan
Tony Biter Ken Cozzens Dave Archer Ron Large
Jim Kenney Mark Hanks Keith Lazz Cliff Hodge

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Roy Couch

Charter Member George Fitzgerald has been diagnosed with health problems and is currently on "I" time. All of us who know and have worked with George know what a great person he is. Any information on what George or the family need please forward immediately so the Blue Knights can provide whatever is needed. We will keep George and the Fitzgerald Family in our thoughts and prayers.

The May meeting was combined with the tip-a cop at Cisco's in Westlake. Thanks to all who attended and especially to those who worked the restaurant that night! After discussion, it was decided that from this point on, we will ALWAYS meet at Mike's for our meeting night to avoid confusion about where and when we are meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Erik Stadler reports that we have deposited \$222 from our petty cash fund to our checking account. Our current balances are \$100 in petty cash and \$766.48 in our checking account.

Dinner ride to Marie Calendar's last month was a good time and all enjoyed themselves. Looking forward to additional dinner rides in the future.

(FYI; Monday, June 7 is the tip a cop night at Wood Ranch BBQ in Camarillo. 4 pm to 9 pm.)

Only two Blue Knights attended "Ride For Kids" last month. Several thousand bikes were there and the entire ride was escorted by the Police. Shame we only sent two riders.

Saturday June 5 is the "Beyond the Walls" day in Thousand Oaks. Contact Ken Cozzens for additional information.

For those charter members who still need the charter members patch, contact Dave Archer as soon as possible, he is trying to put the final order together.

WELCOME to our newest member, Keith Lazz!

A suggestion to get some kind of Blue Knights hat done. Stan Hibdon has a prototype already; we will see what he can tell us at the next meeting.

Don't forget the Blue Knights product catalog is on the national web site!

Dinner Ride June 23. Meet at the Government Center parking lot near the fleet services shack behind courts at 1800 hours. Ride to Santa Barbara for dinner. (Fes Parker's?) cars are welcome if you need to drive to get the whole family out.

Oak Glen ride Thursday July 8. Probably meet at the Fillmore Station and ride the back way (138) this time to avoid L.A. traffic. Times to be announced. Did this ride last year and it was hot but a great memory for all who made it.

Blue Knights XVII Annual BBQ July 17 at Ron Large's new digs in Santa Paula. 1600 to? Bring a side dish or chips or whatever floats your boat. This will be a great time for everyone!! Bring the whole family!

Blue Knights Western Conference August 15-18 at the Horizon in South Lake Tahoe. Contact Larry Meyers, he has the low down on the accommodations and phone numbers.

Downed Officer Ride August 22. Meet at the Fillmore Police Station at 0730 hours and ride to the Valencia Towne Center Mall for registration. Great ride last year and promises to be even better this year.

August Dinner Ride will be to the Palms Restaurant in Santa Barbara, times and meet location to be announced, Larry Meyers will coordinate.

Toy Run with Bikers for Christ and Food Share will be Saturday December 11. Please make plans now; this is an important event for the community and the Blue Knights.

July

Blue Knights

Chapter XVII

California

Larry Meyers – President

Joe Galante – Vice President

Stan Hibdon – Secretary

Eric Stadler – Treasurer

Minutes

July 7th, 2004

Attendance:

Larry Meyers, Joe Galante, Stan Hibdon, Anthony Biter, Cliff Hodge, George Fitzgerald, Larry Baugher, Ken Cozzens, Ron Large, Mark Hanks, Dan Kiernan

(Guests): Dennis Riley

President's / Vice-President's Report:

1. **July 8th** – Oak Glen Ride... Dave Archer (Road Captain / contact). Leaving Fillmore P.D. 7:45 a.m. – Breakfast on the road.
2. **July 17th** – Second Annual Chapter Barbeque @ Ron Large's home – 4 p.m. Bring a dish and swim trunks (Ron has a trough to lay in).
3. **Aug 18th** - August Dinner Ride – “The Palms” in Carpinteria.... Meet at Gov't. Center Parking Lot “E” (rear of Courts Building). Leave for destination @ 6p.m.
4. **Aug 22nd** – “Downed Officer Ride”. Meet @ Fillmore P.D. 7 a.m. – Leave for destination (sign-in / start location) @ 7:45 a.m.
5. **Looking to update website. Any contributions? Contact Ron Large a.s.a.p. at mysite.verizon.net/res7nfog/**

Treasurer's Report:

(None) - Absent

Old / New Business:

1. Stan Hibdon looking into costs for “ball caps’ with “Blue Knights” lettering embroidered across front / California Chapter XVII on back. Will report back on Aug. chapter meeting.

2. Looking for suggestions for a September Dinner Ride. Contact the Board with suggestions. Would like to see more of the membership... how about it? Also looking for suggestions for other Dinner Rides / 1-3 Day Rides. Not everyone can go every time, but there are often at least one or two others who would join in.
3. Reminder Note - Suggest using info handed out to everyone upon membership sign-up re: Road Captain / Asst. Road Captain / Tail Gunner, etc. for our group rides.

August

Fellow Knights,

First a note on a computer problem at my end. My e-mail address got onto a spam list and I had to finally contact my ISP to get some filter changes enacted. This solved the spam problem, but over the last two months I have become aware that many e-mails from friends have also been "trashed" by my server. I have the problem worked out and everything seems to be back to normal, so if you sent me an e-mail in the last few months and I did not respond, it was because I never got it into my hot little hands and I apologize.

Here is the recap from our August meeting;

Members in Attendance:

Joe Galante, Vice President Erik Stadler, Treasurer Landis Potter, Director Dan Kiernan Mark Hanks
Dick Diaz Jim Aguirre Tony Biter Linda Potter, Chapter historian

Guests in Attendance:

Gordon Beckwith
Bud and Jill McCracken
George Conahey

Old Business:

Hats; there is an interest in the hat that Stan Hibdon has put together, as soon as a price gets settled members are ready to buy.

Charter Member Patches; they are \$10 each, David Archer is the contact person. Dan Kiernan, Dick Diaz, and Jim Aguirre all would like to purchase their patch. Landis would like his original patch back that was used for a prototype or to have his original patch replaced.

Keith Lazz; does anybody have Keith's e-mail? I do not have it and we need to get Keith on our e-mail list.

Treasury Report; Due to not being home today due to working at the jail, Erik estimated our bank account at about \$650 and our petty cash at about \$150. These amounts do not include the money from tonight's 50/50 raffle. Erik will send out a report in a few days with all of our current balances.

Old Business:

Officer Downed Ride; Sunday August 22, meet at the Fillmore Station at 0715 hours with a full tank of gas. Kenny Cozzens advised me after the meeting that he spoke with a Sgt from Pepperdine who advised the Choir

Boys would like to ride with us. They did a radio spot on K-HAY on the morning of 8-5-04 and gave us some good air time announcing our participation in the ride.

Mark Hanks will be carrying a check from the VCDSA to present at the Downed Officer's Ride. The membership voted and approved a donation check of \$100 from our chapter to also present at the ride. Hoooyahh!

August Dinner Ride:

The August dinner ride is set for the Palms in Carpinteria. I do not have the date and no one at the meeting seemed to know what date had been set. Anybody know? I will be planning on driving my urban assault vehicle and can take an additional 5 passengers from the Government Center if you would like to bring your families or friends. (As soon as someone tells me the date that is)

September Dinner Ride; Easy local ride to "Better BBQ" located near the Ventura College Campus. We can either meet at the Government Center or at the Restaurant. Easy enough to decide at the September meeting.

September Club Ride/Overnighter; An overnighter has been proposed for September 25-26 to Pismo Beach. The route up will be 101-154-Lompoc-Old PCH-Pismo. The route home will be Pismo-101-Los Alamos-154-101-home. If you are interested please let me know and I will begin the arrangements for Hotels etc.

Ride With Pride!
Joe Galante, Vice President
Blue Knights, Ca XVII

September

Blue Knights Chapter XVII California

Larry Meyers – President Joe Galante – Vice President Stan Hibdon – Secretary Eric Stadler –Treasurer

September 7th, 2004 Chapter Meeting

Attendance:

Larry Meyers, Joe Galante, Stan Hibdon, Larry Baugher, Ken Cozzens, Mark Hanks,
Landis Potter

(Guests): Linda Potter

1. "Blue Knights" Hats - There is interest in purchasing "Blue Knights" ball caps among our membership. Cap is dark blue (almost black) w/ "Blue Knights" embroidered in blue on front. Rear of hat will have "Chapter XVII California" on back. (I had shown this hat at one of our chapter's first meetings). Price will be \$16.00 each. Hats must be ordered in batches of one dozen, due to purchasing / embroidery process. Motion to submit to membership via e-mail to purchase 2 dozen hats with Chapter funds to sufficiently cover those who want hat for themselves and / or others – (PASSED).

If passed by membership, hats will be purchased, then sold to those members wanting them. Additionally, we will have extras for future new members who wish to purchase them, or other members who wish to purchase additional hats for anyone.

Members... please submit your vote to purchase / not to purchase 2 dozen hats w/ chapter funds... to be reimbursed to the chapter account through purchases. Reply with your vote to Larry Meyers (via e-mail) no later than October 4th (date of next membership meeting). We presently have sufficient requests to cover costs of the first dozen purchased.

2. "Downed Officer Ride" – Those who didn't go... you missed a great ride and opportunity to help support this cause. The event was the largest, yet. Good publicity in L.A. and Ventura County newspapers... also Channel 7 News. Our chapter was mentioned by all as one of those who have donated / rode to the support fund for families of those officers killed in the line of duty. (Big "thank you" to my wife, Karen, for photos and for getting this into the "Ventura County Star".)
3. Motion made (PASSED) to purchase small "appreciation" plaque for owner of "Mike's" Restaurant for allowing us to hold chapter meetings there. Will be presented to him in near future.
4. September Ride – There was suggestion by Joe Galante to attend the "California Bike Fest" in San Dimas this month. However, this is largely a "Harley" centered event (sorry, you Harley boys...) with little or no support to attend it. Joe and I still want to ride somewhere, so... suggestions anyone ??
5. September Dinner Ride – Will be at "Better BBQ" on Telegraph Rd. in Ventura. Meet Sept. 22nd (Wednesday)...6pm @ rear parking lot of Courts Bldg. to ride over together and dine.
6. October Dinner Ride – Wednesday October 13th at "Oak Pit BBQ" in Oak View. We will meet as usual... 6 p.m. at the Govt. Center, ride to Oak View and dine. This ride led by Landis Potter.
7. Planning Meeting – We will have a chapter meeting at Larry Meyer's house to begin planning for the upcoming year. Specific date / time to be announced.
8. Fillmore Christmas Parade – We are planning on riding in this Christmas Parade again this year. Usually 1st Saturday of December...
9. Camarillo Christmas Parade – Date to be determined. We are interested in participating in Camarillo's parade, this year. Being looked into.
10. Christmas Toy Run – "Bikers for Christ" and "County Line Cycles" are jointly sponsoring a toy run for 250+ kids from El Rio Plaza School. This is the 5th such ride. Several of us attended last year and it was "moving" to see those kids faces light up when they got to see all of us, the motorcycles riding in and Santa Clause... with all the toys that we (Santa's helpers) distributed among them. You've gotta go to this... if you don't do anything else during the holiday. These kids would get little, if anything for Christmas, if not for this event. There were a 105 bikes / 165 riders last year. Let's help make it grow.
Registration / Starting point will be at County Line Cycles –
185 E. Easy St. – Simi Valley...8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday Dec. 11th, 2004.
The ride starts at 10 a.m. sharp! More to come on this event... You can also find out more by visiting the "Bikers for Christ" website @ www.bfcvc.org
11. We are hoping to increase our membership from October through December and are asking the membership to make an effort to recruit new people.

Ride with Pride!

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October

Blue Knights Chapter XVII California

Larry Meyers – President Joe Galante – Vice President
Stan Hibdon – Secretary Eric Stadler – Treasurer

October 7th, 2004 Chapter Meeting

Attendance:

Stan Hibdon, Mark Hanks, Cliff Hodge, Joe Galante, Ken Cozzens, Larry Meyers,
Landis Potter.

Guests:

Tom Convery

1. "Blue Knights Hats"

We had a poor response from the membership on this topic when asked to respond yes or no on the purchase. Of those who voted, it was unanimously decided the club would buy two dozen caps with club funds... for those who voted and for those (including significant others) who wish to purchase them now and in the future. Cost for each is \$16.00 and they will be embroidered as described last month.

2. Plaque for "Mike"

Still looking for the "right" plaque to get "Mike", showing our appreciation for allowing us to hold meetings at his restaurant.

3. Former Sheriffs Deputy and Blue Knights member Rick Moeller, who moved to Arizona in the recent past had an angioplasty performed and he is doing fine, though he decided to sell his bike, as he is not supposed to do such activity for at least a year. He is selling his "Kendon" two bike, folding motorcycle trailer for \$1500 (worth \$2000). Black w/ diamond plate floor. If anyone interested, contact Rick @ (928) 772-9840.

4. There is \$688.98 in club checking account / \$290+ in petty cash.

5. Those who attended the "dinner ride" for September at the "Spaghetti Company" in Ventura had a good meal and then a nice ride around the Ventura area.

6. October dinner ride netted five riders who rode the back road between Santa Paula and Ojai, arriving for a great meal at the "Oak Pit BBQ", before heading home. The dinner rides are enjoyable and a great excuse to get on your bike... We would like to see more members (families welcome) attend.

7. November 13th (Sat.) @ 1p.m. will be a Planning Meeting at Larry Meyer's house. We will discuss future rides, event participation, etc. Also will have Pizza and possibly a short ride, afterward. Please plan to be there. We want everyone to help plan club events that are enjoyable and will foster greater participation.

8. December 11th 8a.m. - "Bikers for Christ" and "County Line Cycles" are jointly sponsoring a toy run for 250+ kids from El Rio Plaza School. This is the 5th such ride. Several of us attended last year and it was "moving" to see those kids faces light up when they got to see all of us, the motorcycles riding in and Santa Clause... with all the toys that we (Santa's helpers) distributed among them. You've gotta go to this... if you

don't do anything else during the holiday. These kids would get little, if anything for Christmas, if not for this event. There were 105 bikes / 165 riders last year. Let's help make it grow.

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You can also find out more by visiting the “Bikers for Christ” website @ www.bfcvc.org

9. December 4th is the Fillmore Christmas Parade, which we will again participate in. Come join us!

November

Nov 2, 2004 CA XVII Meeting BLUE KNIGHTS

Attendance:

Larry Meyers, George Fitzgerald, Landis Potter, Cliff Hodge, Mark Hanks, Daniel Kiernan, Tom Convery, Joe Galante, Erik and Kristen Stadler, Herb Cantwell

Guests: George Conahey

1. A list of names of members who want to buy chapter hats was started and some orders were pre-paid. If you want to buy a hat you can do so at a chapter meeting. If you can't attend a meeting but want to buy a hat, contact Larry Meyers or Erik Stadler to make arrangements. The cost is \$16.00 Meyers daytime phone 797-6348 evenings 985-4794
2. No dinner ride for November or December due to weather and busy holiday time constraints unless someone volunteers. No takers at this time.
3. November 13th, Saturday, at 1300 hrs (1:00 pm) is scheduled for a planning meeting at Larry Meyers' house. We want to plan next year's rides, events, and overnight runs. The more members that attend the more fun our chapter will have next year. Pizzas and soda are planned to help motive ideas. Meyers' house is located at 3631 Pier Walk, Oxnard, CA Phone 985-4794 Pier Walk is off Victoria between 5th and Wooley Rd.
4. Remember to buy a toy for a boy and one for a girl between ages 5 – 12 for the Toy Run on December 11th. Bring them to the December meeting or drop off at Sheriff's Civil HOJ rm 101 if you cannot make the Toy Run itself. The run registration will begin at 0800 hrs 12-11-04 at County Line Cycles 185 E. Easy St., Simi. Cost for the Toy Run is one toy for a boy and one for a girl and you time to care to help others less fortunate.

More information and ride waiver form on website www.bfcvc.org Biker for Christ. This will be an annual event for Blue Knights.

5. Sunday Nov 14, 2004 the “Tyler Pinchot” Memorial “Cop Shop” Car and Motorcycle Show will be held at Knott's Berry Farm east parking lot. This is a fund-raiser for the Buena Park Police Memorial Fund. It is also a super custom car show and motorcycle show. Find out more on web at www.bppd.com Just an idea for those with nothing to do that Sunday. Admission free.
6. Treasury report : \$663.98 in checking, \$310.00 in petty cash plus this meeting's 50/50 Any items donated for 50/50 prizes would be greatly appreciated. Bring at least one item to meeting to help support your chapter and the fun of the drawings.

7. Joe Galante announced he would be stepping down as Vice President due to work schedule. Please consider running or naming a willing candidate. We will have elections at January meeting for any positions not filled or any you want to run for.
8. Plan on attending the Blue Knights Southwest Conference in 2005. It will be held June 16th through 19th at San Diego's Quality Resort Hotel Rooms \$89 single or double call 1-800-362-7871 and ask for Blue Knight special rate. Conference Pre-registration \$90 includes pin, T-Shirt, shoulder patch, banquet. After February registration is \$115.00
9. Larry Meyers will lead a three day two night ride to Pacific Grove (Monterey area) for their annual Good 'Ol Days celebration and State Motor Officer competition. Leaving Friday April 8th and returning Sunday April 10th 2005. More information to follow but reservations will have to be made soon as town books up early for this event. See web page www.mmoc.org/pgcomp/event.html for more information on event.
10. George Conahey joined CA XVII Blue Knights this meeting. Welcome Fellow Knight.

RIDE WITH PRIDE