



Arizona Chapter VI

May, 2009

Blue Knights,

First, I apologize for not writing a news letter for several months, but I lost all my files and documents I had saved since 2003. After some research, I was able to find a few documents that I had saved in other places. With that being said, here is my first chapter news letter for 2009.

Over the past several months, our chapter has been busy with activities and new members joining. On March 29th, 2009, we lost a great friend – John Murray. John had been fighting cancer for the past two years and he is now in a better place. For you who do not know John, he was born in New York and moved to California when his father was transferred there, as his father was an executive in the accounting department for Warner Brothers' studios. John joined LAPD in 1977, retired as a sergeant, and a member of our chapter since 2005. Even though John was very ill for the past two years, along with his wife Jennifer dealing with cancer issues herself, he always maintained a positive personality, and was always upbeat when he called.

On March 29th, we participated with the second year of "Takin the Ride" charity event, which is sponsored by the Taser Foundation. The Taser Foundation provides monetary support to families of US and Canadian law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. We had a very good turn out of Blue Knights with members from Arizona VI, California VI, and Germany VII. To continue with the Taser Foundation, several of you traveled to Las Vegas, NV to escort the Hummer back to Arizona for an event at Phoenix city hall.

On another note is the upcoming Southwest Conference in Ventura, CA. Pre-registration has been very low and I encourage each of you to support this event, as we depend on the support from conference chapters when we host the 2011 Southwest Conference in Prescott. I know the economy is not in the best shape and some are feeling the financial pinch, but consider sharing a room with a friend and attend the conference. I will not be able to attend this conference, as my wife and I along with Chuck Barreras, Tony Agnello, and Ken Harris will be in the Washington, DC area for Rolling Thunder and not back in time to attend.

Since our 2008 Christmas meeting, we have had a couple of changes on the Board. In December, Randy Berner stepped down as Treasurer and Frank Carnal was appointed by the Board to fulfill that position. Frank has done a superior job and continues wearing two hats, as he is also our chapter safety officer. In March, Secretary Bill Dwyer stepped down from his position as Secretary. Jack Aarsvold has offered to assume that position and was appointed by the Board to fulfill those duties for the remainder of 2009.

In closing, ride safe, stay involved with our chapter, and take advantage of what the Blue Knights has to offer.

Fraternally,

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Our Next Ride

Membership Meeting Dates

Third Saturday of the month
0900 hrs at the PLEA Office
11th Ave and Adams Street
Downtown Phoenix

May 16th, 2009
June 20th, 2009
July 18th, 2009
August 15th, 2009
September 19th, 2009
October 17th, 2009
November 21st, 2009
December Christmas Party

Chapter Web-Site

Visit it often, as it's an excellent source of information and is updated. Also, tell us what you think and if you have any suggestions. So, contact Michael Romero to submit your information for our web site.

E-Mail

Please check your e-mail daily, especially towards the end of each week for information on rides/meetings and any changes for either. (This is not a typo either, it is being repeated hoping to brainwash y'all into doing it)!

Request for YOUR Input

This Newsletter is yours, so please submit something.

Chapter Sales Items

Medium sized Fanny Pack with a gun compartment - embroidery saying, "Blue Knights" is eye catching, and the price is \$35 plus shipping.

*Chapter T-shirts – Long and short sleeve
Chapter Pins
Chapter Patches
International Rocker Set*

Contact Fred Szatkowski by telephone (number is listed on chapter roster) or by e-mail at fjsprofishing@msn.com.

International Sales Catalog

Where can I get a badge for my Blue Knight vest? Where can I buy a Blue Knight nametag? You can download a copy of the International sales catalog from the International web site at www.blueknights.org in Acrobat format if you don't have a hard copy available. If you have any problem accessing the "Members Only" section of the web site, contact Mike Romero at roadking9@cox.net and he'll tell you how to get into this section. The Sales Catalog

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has all of the CHAPTER SALES ITEMS offered by the International Office, as well as all the chapters around the world that have an item

Next Months Membership Meeting

Saturday May 16th, 2009
0900

Phoenix Law Enforcement Association
11th Ave and Adams Street
Phoenix, AZ

Our Chapter is just like Life...”you get out of it what you are willing to put into it.”

If you don't go to meetings, don't go on rides, and don't go to our parties, dinners, ice cream runs and other get-togethers...then you're cheating yourself out of what it's all about. You can't give an opinion to someone else on

how good or bad the club is, since it's this lack of input and participation that allows one to “feel” what the *Blue Knights* are all about. GET INVOLVED.

E-Mail

*It never hurts to remind everyone that **our #1 form of communication is E-MAIL.** The advantage is that we can send word to one another, as well as to the whole family at any hour of the day or night 24/7. Please try to check your e-mail daily. We do not send “forwards, junk, or any other trash e-mail”, only Blue Knight information. You will see many impromptu rides on different days of the week with both day and evening rides, as well as get the latest info and changes on regular chapter rides. I know a lot of you missed some good ice cream runs this year as well as a few impromptu dinner trips.*



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MEMBER RECOMMENDED BUSINESSES OR SERVICES

Motorcycle Decorative Lighting

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Dare Investigations

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Avondale, AZ
623-341-0402
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The Motorcycle Service Shop

1922 N. Rosemont
Mesa, AZ 85205
Monday – Friday 7-5
(480) 654-2300

Bikers Bay

(Discount with your *Blue Knights* membership card)
2530 E. Bell Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85032
(602) 923-0114

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