



THE SRC HERALD

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The Chairman: Jim Trachta

I hope all are doing well and staying Covid-19 free. It is good to see so many chapters in the SRC coming back on line having meetings and rides. Unfortunately, I feel this “virus” will be around for some time, even years.

A cure or vaccine may be some time off. We all must change the way we do things both in our personal and Blue Knights lives. Wearing masks, social distancing and other ways have allowed us to continue with our lives and keep our chapters together. I applaud the chapters that are meeting online keeping members updated. Many chapters are still riding using social distancing. Some chapters are meeting outside and some are keeping the numbers down at inside meetings. Like I said above, this virus is going to be with us for a long time, we must continue to live our lives safely.

This week Intl Rep Bob Awtrey, Tres Al Fryer, SRC State Rep Vern Snell and myself represented the SRC Board at the service for our founder Ed Gallant. Many chapters that could go, attended. Thank you to Wayland Mann Pres FL XXVI for making the arrangements for dinner after the service. SRC Tres Al Fryer was on hand to make sure all went well with payments from the funds donated to help Ed. Maggie was so happy and proud to see all the members that came to say their goodbyes to the man who started it all. Rest in Peace Sir Ed, Thank you for all you did.

to support other chapters. We all should be interacting with each other to build a strong BROTHERHOOD. A little pat on the back for Mike and myself. Since our appointment as State Reps and now SRC Board members, more chapters are interacting than ever before. This was accomplished through emails, phone calls, meet and greets, all with the purpose of getting chapters to interact. We even are interacting with the RGC and MDC members. Again this is why we all joined a motorcycle club. (continued on page 2)

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The BAND AID FUND. This fund was started because we are always pushing members to ride more. While traveling around the SRC visiting chapter we learned that many members have very different medical coverage. Some have no deductible while others have very high ones. Just like the Disaster Fund, a fund set up to help members in need after a major storm, the BAND AID FUND helps members who need a little help after a motorcycle mishap. I will have Justin send out the Bulletin again but simply put, if you are a SRC member in good standings (dues paid) and you are on your motorcycle you are covered. You can be anywhere in the world when the accident or mishap happens. When funds are available, the president of the chapter sends an email to the SRC Board with the details. If the president is the one hurt and is unable his VP would send the email. The fund will pay up to \$500.00 for a member that is treated and released, up to \$1000.00 if the member stays overnight in the hospital. To be very clear, this is to cover unpaid medical deductibles only. This fund does not cover damage to your bike or property. All funds in this account are raised by selling raffles and chapter donations. No SRC money is used. The fund started off very well and we were selling tickets and received two donations from SC VIII and GA VIII. A dollar from every T-Shirt sold at our fall SRC in Helen, Ga goes to this fund. Sorry to say that during the Covid-19 shut down raffle sales have slowed way down. I am asking all chapters to help out with this fund to get a comfortable balance so that we are ready to help our Brothers in their time of need. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each. The drawing will be at the SRC in Helen, Ga. Prizes are: 1st a set of Dunlop MC Tires from J&P Cycles, 2nd \$300 and 3rd a \$100.00 gift card from Olive Garden and OG Gift basket.

Please reach out to me if you can help. I pray we never need to write a check to any member because of an accident.

This is a motorcycle club. No one joined the Blue Knights that didn't want to ride a motorcycle. Get out and take a ride. I wish all my fellow riders safe travels this summer... keep your heads on a swivel, be vigilant and always,

Always Ride with Pride

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Vice-Chairman : Mike Shockley

Greetings fellow Blue Knights:

We have made it to mid-year despite a pandemic, protests and a plethora of canceled rides and events. We recently lost a founding Father, Ed Gallant, and he will be missed. I wish to thank everyone that contributed or assisted in the fundraiser for Ed during his illness. There are some new members on the International Board of Governors. I give my congratulations to those that prevailed in the election and give my thanks to those that had the motivation and dedication to run for the various offices, and to those that voted. Also thank you to Bob Awtrey, our SRC International Rep and the Chairman of the Elections Committee that gave us the opportunity to vote electronically. Most Blue Knights elections are over for 2020 and now we can enjoy fewer "political distractions", but let us keep in mind that the Law Enforcement profession needs our support in this time of unprecedented civil unrest.

I am incredibly happy to see some rides and events coming back on the calendar. My chapter, Georgia XI, has been working hard to ensure the SRC Fall 2020 Conference in the North Georgia Mountains is a success. We are thankful for the great response in attendance, to the point we had to arrange for overflow lodging. We are striving to make sure everyone that wants to attend can do so and has an affordable place to stay during the event.

Georgia XI wants to assure everyone that appropriate precautions will be taken at the host hotel to curtail the probability anyone is exposed to COVID-19. The venue is a state-owned facility inside a State park that will ensure guidelines for health and sanitation are followed. The venue is spacious enough that it will support social distancing at meetings, hospitality and during meals. There are spacious decks and outside areas available for our use as well. We are NOT expecting a lot of restrictions, the mandated use of masks or other inconveniences, but we are relying on everyone to use common sense and situational awareness while attending the event.

We have been actively planning and riding the ride routes we will offer at the event, and we are having a great time doing it. Georgia XI is lucky to be in a part of the country that offers great riding opportunities. North Georgia and its proximity to North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee make riding roads such as the Tail of the Dragon, Cherohala Skyway, and the Blue Ridge Parkway a simple day-ride. In addition, there are many beautiful, exciting, and challenging roads starting within a few miles of the host hotel.



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Many non-riding activities are in the planning stage. With the town of Helen less than three miles away no one will be bored, even in the unlikely chance of bad weather. Helen, being the third most visited tourist area in the state offers a substantial number of opportunities for recreation, shopping, and food. Look for more information to be posted on the SRC Fall 2020 Conference website at www.bksrcfall2020.com.

Ride safe and ride with pride!

Mike Shockley,
SRC Vice-Chair



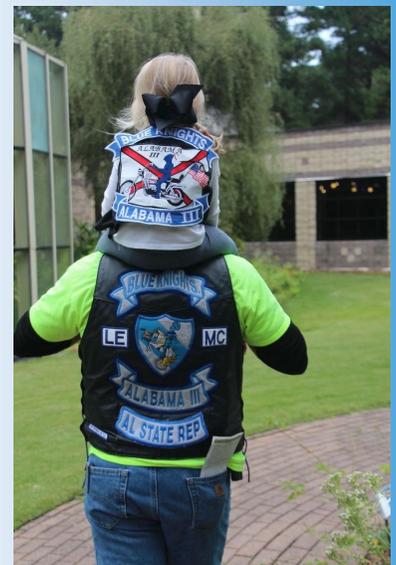
From The SRC Secretary: Justin Hartley

So, are we ready for 2020 to go ahead and end? It has been a while since the last newsletter due to the lack of events going on in the SRC. I see several members still able to get groups together to ride, but fundraising rides and weekend gatherings have all been canceled. With the Covid-19 mess and the overall general craziness of society, who knows when everything will get back to civil life.

I hope everyone who is able to ride has been out enjoying what we have. I have been invited on several rides by other chapters and it has pained me to not be able to go enjoy the brotherhood due to an un-anticipated knee surgery. I was last able to ride in early May. I have been able to start the bike and it still runs. I'm hoping to be able to ride to Helen, Georgia for the SRC.

If you have any questions about what has happened at SRC meetings, let me know and I will forward you the meeting minutes and the conference bulletins.

Justin Hartley,
SRC Secretary





Secretary: Al Fryer

Hello to all of our Fellow **Blue Knights!**

I would like to start off by saying, I hope everyone is staying healthy with the continuing spread of the Coronavirus. I know this has been a difficult time with Social Distancing. Please hang in there and hopefully soon a vaccine will be developed and we can get back to some type of normalcy.

I also know that this has been a difficult time for our Law Enforcement Officers! We continue to support our LEO's and want to let Y'all know we have your back!

As of this report, all of our accounts are up to date! I will be submitting my Treasures Report at our next conference along with the totals for the Checking, Money Market, Disaster Relief Fund and SRC Band-aid fund Accounts. As I have stated, if anyone ever has any questions regarding any of these accounts please feel free to contact me by phone or email. I have record of all transactions that deal with the SRC Account.

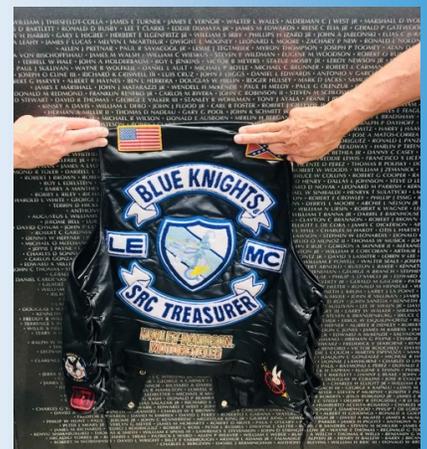
I personally have not been riding or attending our local meetings due to the Coronavirus and Social Distancing as my wife, Judy, has preexisting medical conditions. I did recently attend the Funeral Services for our Founding Father, Ed Gallant. The service was very nice and with everything going on we still had a pretty good **Blue Knight** turnout to show their respect and appreciation for everything Ed & Maggie Gallant did for the **Blue Knights!**

I would like to again personally THANK every Person, Business, **Blue Knight Chapter** and **Blue Knight Conference** who made a donation to the Ed & Maggie Gallant Medical Fund. As Y'all are aware, DJ Alvarez started up a GoFundMe Account for Ed Gallant as well. The response and donations were overwhelming and within a few months we were able to raise over **\$34,000!!!!**

My wife and I will continue to Pray for our Brothers and Sisters who protect us every day along with our Military and 1st Responders!

Al Fryer II

SRC Treasurer





From International Rep: Bob Awtrey

Well, as all of you know, this has been a spring/summer that we will never forget. I am hoping that all members are well and doing what they can to minimize any spread of any disease out there.

The BOG Election was an historical event and it is now history. The election procedure and security measures used were a test for our International Election in the Summer of 2021. Lots more on that is coming. Congratulations to all of the winners. There are several new faces, so I urged all to get to know them when you can.

The passing of our Founder, Ed Gallant was certainly an unhappy event. Ed was the reason that Blue Knights exist and why we are here. He lived a long life with his bride, Maggie. We saw them at several SRC meetings and most of the time, until recently, he and Maggie made the trip on his Harley. I was able to talk with him at length at several meetings and I can safely say that until his death, he loved Blue Knights and all the members of our Brotherhood. I feel like he is now riding again and watching over us as we continue in our Brotherhood as Blue Knights. Remember his wife, Maggie, and talk with here if you can in the future. She knows a great deal of BK History and is glad to share.

Please continue to say a prayer for our Brothers in Blue who are on the front lines, as many of you are. They need every ounce of support that we can give them. Be cautious and **Ride** safely, as always, **With Pride**.

