



SRC Secretary Justin Hartley

The Herald is back! I quit doing the Herald due to lack of input from members of the SRC. Mike Shockley has asked that it come back as it is a benefit to the members. As long as I get input from everyone, I will have no problems making sure you get a chance to share your events, rides, and brotherhood with everyone else.

Riding is what got this club started, riding is what we should be doing. I got a bike and learned to ride with the club. I have had several people come up to me and say they had family or knew someone who was in the Blue Knights®. Being seen in the community has resulted my chapter getting new members. The easiest way to recruit is to ride.

Between work and taking kids to ball games, I have been able to squeeze in a few rides. I'm stating to plan the ride to Venice, FL for the Spring SRC and then to Huntsville, AL for the Alabama Challenge. I'm seeing several other chapters in my area posting rides and am planning on making them when I can. I've been lucky over the year to be able to attend every SRC since 2010. Most young members do not have that opportunity. Don't forget about the younger guys who still have to work, they are the future of the club.

Again, the Herald will only be as good as the input you submit.





SRC Chairman Mike Shockley



In an unexpected turn of events, upon the resignation of Jim Trachta, I became Chairman of the SRC. I must say in moving from Vice-Chairman to Chairman I am grateful for the opportunity to lead the SRC for the next six months. I am hoping to have an open line of communication with chapter Presidents and members. I believe in the STOP, START, CONTINUE retrospective as a useful framework for requesting or delivering feedback. We can reflect on where the SRC has been, where we are currently at, and where we want to go. Hopefully, my leadership model will move us past “the way we have always done it” doctrine.

In the next six months I desire to improve communications, one example being bringing back the SRC Herald quarterly publication. I hope to develop an accurate email list down to the MEMBERS level. Additionally, we continue to make improvements on the SRC Website, and closely monitor social media portals.

I hope to bring more transparency and fairness to many of our processes. I intend to seek and allow more input from the chapters on proposals and other issues. My background in information management affords me the ability to create surveys in which real results can be shared with the membership. At our events and meetings, I hope to see more tranquility and positive accomplishments. I vow to shield the membership from political agendas and from negativity associated with past resolved issues.

I feel that efforts to keep some normalcy and make improvements in our organization have been stifled in recent years considering the world-wide pandemic. Coming out of the pandemic has been a slow and painful road. While we are now suffering repercussions and loss in the form of a faltering economy and drop in membership, I am confident we will see improvements. On a positive note, I see Blue Knights events starting back, rides are being planned and the comradery and networking continues. I certainly see a willingness from all Blue Knights to keep the organization alive and well.

I hope to see everyone soon at the upcoming Spring SRC Conference in Venice, Florida.



SRC Vice Chairman Randy Hoagland

Hello everybody from Papa Smurf. After getting appointed as your acting Vice Chairman, I am looking forward to serving our great conference as your Vice Chairman. I'm proud to serve on the SRC Board along with the other Board members to help our great conference grow. As a team with all the members from the SRC, we will grow by leaps and bounds. I am here for you as your Vice Chairman.

Georgia XVI will be hosting its annual weekend ride to Tellico Plains April 21st-23rd, 2023 at Lodge at Tellico Plains, TN. We will ride up to Tellico Plains on Friday April 21st, 2023 relaxing Friday evening with dinner down town then back to the lodge for an evening of fellowship at the campfire. On Saturday April 22nd, 2023 we will have a ride to Sweetwater, TN to the Lost Sea Adventure for a day of relaxation, then will go back to Tellico Lodge for another evening of fellowship and a cookout around the campfire. We are being joined by Georgia XI and Florida XXX. We have a few more openings if you are interested. If you are, contact me at 404-384-1588.

The Ride for the Fallen will be back up and running this year. It will be hosted by Georgia XVI, XI, and XXII along with north Georgia Restoration in Dawsonville, GA. Finalizing the dates will be soon. The dates and location will be posted soon, come join us. The proceeds will go to Concerns of Police Survivors.





SRC Int'l Rep Bob Awtrey

Greetings from the SRC Int. Rep.

While some Conferences continue to loose members and Chapters, the SRC has struggled to grow and has been successful, with 7 new Chapters and 3 more in the process of working on a Charter. This process was made a bit easier last week, when the Int. BOD passed by 2023-002, which allows new Chapters to be formed with a minimum of 8 members and renewed annually with more than five. The Int. BOD still maintains the final discretion to renew Chapters.

We are also beginning to come back from the “COVID” years and Chapters are beginning to ride more, sponsor more riding events and have become much more active.

This spring, at the SRC meeting in Venice, hosted by FL XVIII, we will certify candidates for our SR BOD and begin the campaign season until the Fall SRC in Biloxi.

We have a new SRC Chairman and the future continues to be bright for our Club and its members.

As always, If I can assist anyone in any way, I am as near as your phone. RWP

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SRC Treasurer Al Fryer

Hello to all of our Fellow Blue Knights!

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

A reminder for chapters to file you 990n and Non-Profit Corporation Status. I'm aware that the IRS website was down for several months for maintenance and they are now back up with only a few changes to their website. I was able to file our (SRC) 990n with no problems. If you are having any issues please contact me or I have a number for IRS that you can call for assistance.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the SRC Spring Conference in Venice, Florida! Safe Travels!

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!





SRC Safety Officer Sal Anicito

Spring has sprung in the Beautiful North Georgia Mountains! Hi everyone, my name is Sal Anicito. I am an SRC Safety Officer and a Road Captain/PIO of GA XXII in Blairsville Ga. Riding motorcycles is seasonal in our area because of the weather. When it's 20° riding is no longer fun or safe! As our weather begins to change into spring and summer it's time to get those 2 and 3 wheelers out of the garage and back on the road. It's important to check the air in your tires. Touring bikes are usually 36 in the front and 40 in the rear. Check your manuals for what you need for your bike. Also, check your oils and be sure you're where you need to be. Check your overall motorcycle. Look at everything and be sure everything is tight, right and ready to go for you to enjoy a great safe ride.

During the winter months GA XXII participated in the Shop With A Cop program at Christmas at our local Walmart. We also donated \$500 to the C.O.P.S. Program which works with the families of our Fallen Officers. Our local newspaper (The North Georgia News) wrote a nice article (with a Chapter picture) about what the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club is and what the Blue Knights are all about. They also did a nice article, with a picture, on us making the donation to the C.O.P.S program. It's important that our communities know who we are and what we do.

GA XXII members meet at 9:00am on the third Friday of the month and we plan a ride after each meeting during the riding season.

Ride Safe but
most of all Ride
With Pride.





From the chapters of the SRC



Members from Alabama XVI participated in the Steel Horse Ride that benefitted the Black Warrior Council of the Boy Scouts. In total \$3,600 was raised.

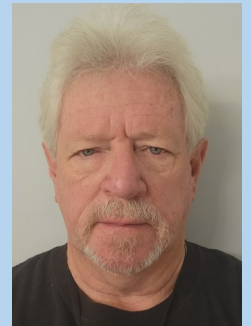


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Spring 2023 SRC



Blue Knights Florida Chapter XVIII

Calles all ye Blue Knights to Beautiful VENICE FLORIDA for the

Spring 2023 Southern Regional Conference

Thursday, April 27th thru Sunday, April 30th

HOST HOTEL

Ramada by Wyndam - Hotel Venezia Venice Florida
Address: 425 US 41 bypass 34285
Phone : 941-308-7700

ROOMS FEES AND AMMENTITIES:

- ▼ All rooms 109.00 + (7% Tax) For reservations call the hotel directly - USE BOOKING CODE "BK SRC"
- ▼ 147 rooms (pet friendly rooms available for a fee)
- ▼ One (1) room per credit card (One (1) night will be charged at time of reservation)
- ▼ Available: 2 Breakfasts each day for \$10.00 per room or 4 for \$20.00 must be 4 in the room
***** THE BREAKFAST MUST BE ADDED BY CALLING THE HOTEL DIRECTLY AND ADDING IT TO THE RESERVATION *****
- ▼ On site restaurant and bar - pool side, zero entry pool, large spa, fire pit lounge and fitness room
- ▼ Complimentary wireless Internet access

REGISTRATION

\$70.00 per person

(\$80.00 per person after March 1st, 2023)

INCLUDES:

- ▼ Friday and Saturday Rides
- ▼ Evenings Thursday – Saturday : Presidents Hospitality Lounge
- ▼ Friday Lunch: off-site BBQ with Burgers, Dogs & Brats
Friday Night: Blues Pig Band & Blues Brothers Show
- ▼ Saturday Night: Dinner Banquet with Awards
- ▼ Daily: Draft Beer Truck, Water, Soda, Snacks
- ▼ Nightly: Chapter sales, adult games, Texas Holdem' Tournament, raffles and 50/50
- ▼ There are 3 camp grounds in the area

(CLICK HERE TO REGISTER)

Sunset Cruises and Charter Fishing Trips are some of the extras being planned

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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For more information got to : <https://www.blueknightsflxviii.com/>



Fall 2023 SRC

For more information : <https://www.bkmsii.com/event-details/>



Blue Knights International Fall 2023 Southern Regional Conference Hosted by Mississippi II



Schedule

Thursday, Oct 19

- Hotel Check in after 4 pm
- Registration (at Ballroom 2 Foyer on 2nd Floor) 4-7 pm

Friday, Oct 20

- Hospitality Suite 4 pm - midnight
- Registration 8am-6pm
- Vendor Room 12:00 pm-8:00 pm
- President's meeting 8:15 am-9:45 am
- Organized Ride from Biloxi to Dauphin Island and return 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
- Meet and Greet BBQ with Beer and Band at Coast Harley Davidson 4:30 pm-8:30 pm
- Hospitality Suite 7:00 pm - midnight

Saturday, Oct 21

- Registration 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Organized Ride along the beach and back country-Breakfast at Boogies 9:00 am - 10:30 am, KSU 10:30, Ride from 10:30 am until 3:00 pm
- Vendor Room Available 11:00 am-4:30 pm
- Cocktail Hour in Ballroom 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm
- Banquet 7:30 PM until 10:30 PM
- Hospitality Suite available following banquet until ???

Sunday, Oct 22

- Conference ends/Check out



For More Information

Go to BKMSII.com for online registration
Or contact

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The Alabama Challenge

ALABAMA CHALLENGE

May 19-21 2023

Hosted by Alabama VII



Alabama VII is proud to host the 2023 Alabama Challenge. Enjoy a great weekend of riding, and socializing with Blue Knights from all over the South.

No Registration Fees or meetings!!!

Planned events:

Friday: 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Meet and Greet

Saturday: Scenic backroads ride to Davy Crockett State Park, Lawrence TN for lunch followed by 2 ride options.
Option 1: Ride to Lynchburg TN - Jack Daniel's Distillery
Option 2: Ride back to Huntsville following lunch

Saturday Night: Meal hosted by Alabama VII
Burgers/Hot Dogs
Games / Drawings / Raffle Prizes

Host Hotel

Best Western Plus
9035 Madison Blvd.
Madison, AL 35758
(256)772-7170

Ask for Blue Knights Rate

Newly renovated, complimentary breakfast

Questions?

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