



SRC Chairman Mike Shockley



Greetings:

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chairman. Overall, 2024 has been a good year. While there were no bids for full SRC Conferences in 2024, we were able to hold Spring and Fall business meetings that included many activities of the traditional three-day conference. Room rates were reasonable, there was no registration fee, and there was free food and hospitality. I want to thank GA II and AL XVI for stepping up to host in 2024. In 2025 I am excited to have two full SRC Conferences on the schedule. We have Baton Rouge, LA in April and Hiawasse, GA in September.

Another accomplishment, and a great relief, is the end of the wrongful death lawsuit against the SRC. I worked relentlessly with our attorney to bring an end to the suit. We stood our ground until the plaintiff's attorney realized we were not going to give in, and they could not win. The lawsuit will be dismissed in the next few weeks.

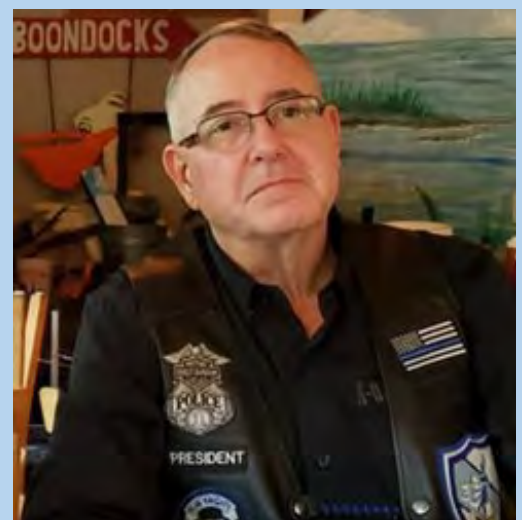
On a personal note, while dealing with an orthopedic issue with my leg and hip, I still managed to ride over 9000 miles in 2024. My most memorable ride in 2024 was to the 50th Anniversary Convention in Maine, where I had the privilege of representing the SRC at the Board of Directors meeting. Then a chapter member and I rode on to parts of Canada including New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. I have transitioned from Harley to BMW and I am really enjoying riding my BMW GS. I am looking forward to more riding and being your Chairman in 2025.

Please call on me if I can be of any assistance to you.

Mike Shockley

SRC Chairman

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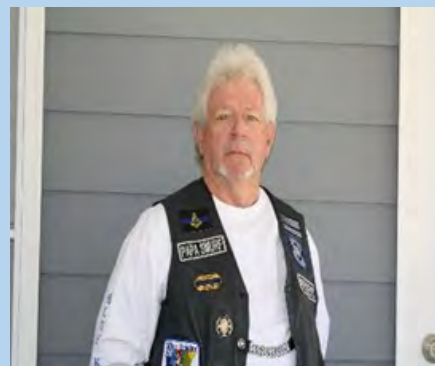
Greetings Southern Regional Conference Members,

Papa Smurf coming at you from down her in the big town of Gainesville, Georgia. Or as folks round these parts call it Jawja. It has been a very good year for the most part, but unfortunately, we have had members pass away and over to Heaven 1, some have had accidents, and some have had to endure very serious weather causing them to lose property and personal belongings. We have had members lose other family members, and some have even started new lives with new partners, and we wish them the very best. Our hearts and Prayers have gone out to them as well as our prayers still do.

2024 gave us our Spring SRC down in Statesboro Ga hosted by Bobby Durden from GAll and our Fall Conference over in Scottsboro, Al hosted by Patrick, from AL XVI. Both conferences were very successful, a lot was accomplished, and a good time was definitely had by all who attended by both conferences. Kudos to Bobby and GA II and Patrick Lenhart and AL XVI for the putting together of these conferences. The food, hospitality, rides, and accommodations were super outstanding. Neither conference would have been successful if it hadn't been for the hard work and dedication that these two chapters pulled together and hosted these events.

Some of the accomplishments were established as a Policy for hosting SRC Conferences , along with The Band Aid Fund Policy . There were some changes made to the SRC Hosting Policy were made that is helping and encouraging other chapters to host a Conference to where the days to host the conference can be done other days than the original Thursday through Sunday time frame. We have found out that hosting an SRC Conference starting on Sunday, going through until Wednesday is cheaper than Thursday through Sunday.

So next year for the Fall SRC Conference, it will be hosted Sunday through Wednesday. Our Presidents meetings were conducted very professionally, and a lot was accomplished during these meetings. The board listened to the presidents and are working together to make our Conference more successful as we grow.





SRC Vice Chairman Randy Hoagland



We have also worked with several chapters throughout the year that wanted to dissolve to give them solutions and directions to turn their chapters around and stay moving forward.

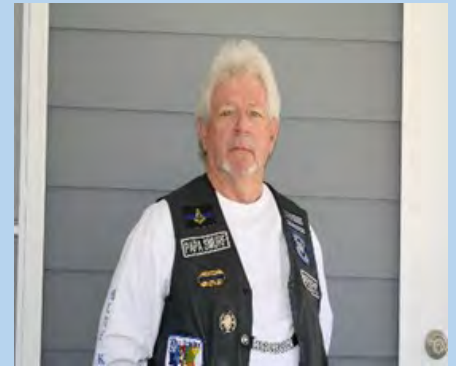
That's what it's all about. The Brotherhood of the BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE CLUB!!

In closing I want to say thank you for your support and help along with the cooperation of the members of our conference. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and hope you have a great New Year.

Thank You,

Randy "PAPA SMURF" Hoagland

SRC VICE CHAIRMAN / President GA XVI



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As I am writing this article today, we are having the worst ice/snow/sleet event in the last five years. I look out my window on the lake and if I struggle, I can see a tiny white substance on some leaves. The temperature is cold, 34 degrees, but rising.

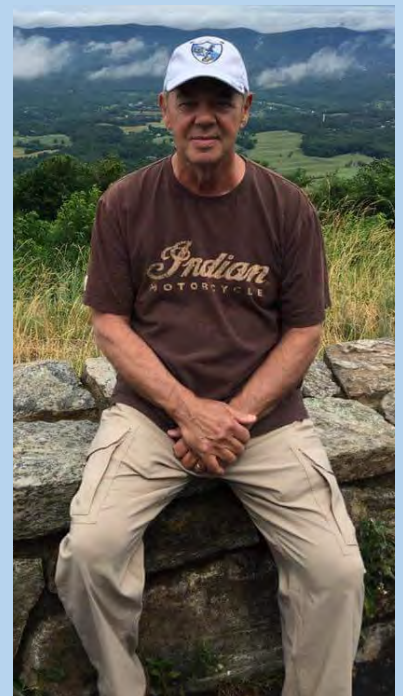
I say all of that because all things are relative. If our Brothers in New Jersey and other northern states had the same set of circumstances, they would get on their bikes and ride to lunch with the crowd. But in the south, any temperature below 50 degrees is an automatic, “too cold to ride today” excuse.

All that said, I am not to criticizing or belittling anyone. It is just what happens.

As a motorcycle club, many times we find a reason not to ride. But, riding a motorcycle is what we are all about. I’m not talking about bad weather, cold conditions or the like. I am speaking about the mindset that some folks get into over a period of time.

So, what am I saying? As time catches up with all of us and our abilities to do things goes away, just go ride your motorcycle, safely, any time you can and don’t let anyone else’s opinions keep you from it. There will come a time when you won’t be able to ride, even after you have switched to a trike or other three wheel vehicles. And when that time comes, you might think back on all the pretty days that you could have enjoyed our Brotherhood and the fun and fellowship that we have with other Blue Knights and have to say, “I wish I had ridden then”.

Ride With Pride





Hello to all our Fellow Blue Knights!

Judy and I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, Happy New year and ar Healthy! As of 2025 all our accounts are up to date! We are looking forward to the upcoming SRC Spring Conference in Baton Rouge, LA where I will be presenting our Treasures Report 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.

Reminder to file your annual 990N and for those in Florida your Florida Non for Profit.

We have ordered new SRC Patches which include Puerto Rico and hopefully we have them before the upcoming conference. You will also be able to contact me to have them mailed to you directly.

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

Al Fryer II

SRC Treasurer





SRC Secretary Justin Hartley

We are in the middle of submission time for SRC Board Officers. What is great about the Blue Knights® is the amount of leadership and experiences that can be utilized and shared. If anyone wants to run for an board position, the by-laws of the SRC list all the criteria in Article IV. I have heard several members say there has been lack of options for the past few elections, I encourage anyone who wants to step up in the organization to do so.

In 2025 we have two great opportunities for SRC gatherings. LA XVI has had a great response for both registrations and hotel rooms for the spring. We'll be back in the north Georgia mountains again in the fall. The meetings are a small part of the weekend. The SRCs are a great opportunity to see that your individual chapters is a small part of the bigger picture. Even if you don't represent your chapter in the SRC Presidents meeting, you have an opportunity to meet new friends and catch up with old friends. Its become a habit of us Alabama folks to meet up and ride in together.

I've have pretty good SRC records beginning from when I took over as SRC Secretary, I have a hodge-podge of records dating back to the beginning of the SRC. If you have any questions relating to the SRC, please reach out to me and I will dig through what I have to see if I can assist you.

This latest news letter has had lots of chapters adding to it. It does make a little bit of work for me, but as long as you submit it, I'll add it in there. Let the conference know what you're doing and what you have coming up. You'd be surprised at who may show up for your events.

Until next time,





Gear tips for cold-weather riding

Whether you're on two wheels or not, keeping your core warm is the most important aspect of staying comfortable during the winter. Ever wonder why your fingers and your toes are generally the first parts to get affected by cold weather? If your core temperature begins to drop, your body restricts warm blood flow to your extremities to maintain your core's temperature. Your body is essentially going into survival mode to keep the most important parts of your body, brain, heart, lungs, and other vital organs, at the appropriate temperature. So how do you keep your core warm and keep riding comfortably when the temperature drops?

Base layers: The basics

Base layers are the first line of defense for your core temperature. They're comfortable and easily fit underneath your existing gear, but more importantly, they're made of materials that manage moisture. Your now ancient cotton T-shirts from the SRCs you've attended may be soft and comfortable, but cotton holds moisture, and that moisture draws heat away from your body. Dedicated base layers use materials that wick perspiration away from your skin, keeping you drier and warmer. There are many options available on the market and, in my experience, they're all a little different, but they're all the same too, in both comfort and performance. The real differences are style, color, and price. You'll have to experiment to find the ones that works best for you.

Heated gear: The next step

If you ride long enough and in temperatures cold enough, you'll eventually reach a point where your body can't generate enough heat on its own, no matter how well you're dressed. That's when you need help, in the form of electrically heated gear. Heated gear is the ultimate tactic for keeping your core warm. With a heated vest or jacket, your core temperature stays up, and the rest of your body stays comfortable too. You can also directly heat the extremities that are getting shortchanged on blood flow, with heated gloves, or heated insoles/socks inside of your boots. Heated gear is powered by your motorcycle's electrical system or, in some cases, by its own battery, so your body isn't your only source of heat. Today's technology is very user-friendly and typically utilizes a "plug-and-play" system that doesn't require any serious mechanical skill for installation. Still, it's important to make sure your motorcycle's electri-



electrical system can properly support heated gear before you start tossing on a bunch of accessories.

Winter gloves: Hands are essential

Winter gloves are a must for any riders spending time on two or three wheels out in the cold. You might be able to suffer through without heated gear, but there's no way you can ride in the winter without a good set of winter gloves. Having good dexterity in your hands is essential for operating a motorcycle. If your fingers are frozen and you can't feel them, you're not only going to be uncomfortable, but you're a danger to yourself and everyone else on the road.

Winter gloves have thermal liners and often add a waterproof layer. The thermal liners help with insulation while the waterproof layer will help block the wind and keep your hands dry during inclement weather. Keeping dry is critical in cold weather. If you're going to be riding for any prolonged amount of time, you must wear either a reliably waterproof jacket and pants/chaps, or a quality rainsuit. If the temperatures are going to change a lot during a day-long ride, being able to add a rain suit over top of your other gear can make a huge difference in your comfort as night and temperatures fall.

Balaclava: For the forgotten vulnerability

The neck is an area that riders often forget is exposed to the elements, right where your body is pumping lots of warm blood to your brain. A balaclava, not to be confused with the Greek dessert baklava, adds insulation and protects your neck from the biting cold of the wind. This is such a small and simple item and it's cheap, but it makes a huge difference to your comfort level during cold-weather riding.

Windscreen and handguards: The wind is your enemy

Why are we getting cold on our motorcycles in the first place? Mainly wind chill. The wind is carrying away your heat faster than your body can create it. So, in addition to the gear you wear, you can make a big difference by making changes to your ride that protect you from the wind. A simple rule of thumb for calculating wind chill is that at 60 mph, the wind chill be 15 degrees colder than ambient temperature, so that early morning departure at 40 degrees will feel like 25 degrees. A wind chill chart is at the end of the article.



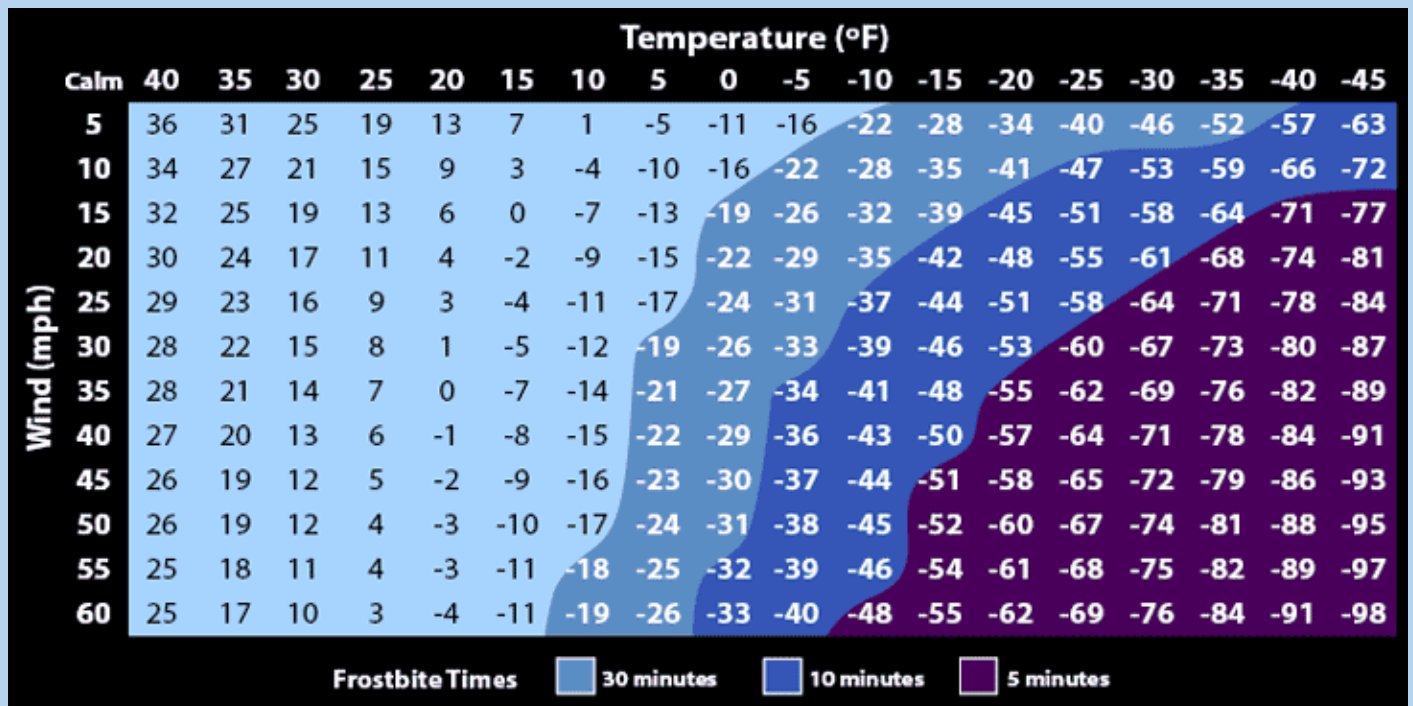
Motorcycle windscreen

Whether you're touring or simply looking for protection from the cold, a windscreen will deflect wind from your core, keeping you more comfortable. Depending on which motorcycle you ride, you may be able to add an aftermarket windscreen or get one that provides more protection than the stock screen. Additionally, even if you're wearing weatherproof, winter gloves, you can give your hands some extra protection by adding handguards.

While heated gear is great (including heated gloves), there's the inconvenience of dealing with wires, you must remember to unplug before you get off your motorcycle.

Many riders prefer the convenience of heated grips. The limitation is that heated grips heat only one side of your hand. If you do have heated grips and want to extend their effectiveness, handguards can be a real help by shielding the backs of your hands from the wind.

Ride safe and enjoy the ride!





SRC Safety Officer Sal Anticito



Hello all my Blue Knights Family. I hope this finds you all well. It's hard to believe that the Holidays are upon us, time goes by so quickly! I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas, The members of GA XXII want to wish all of our Blue Knight Brothers and Sister's a Happy, Prosperous, Healthy and Safe 2025. As your SRC Safety Officer I want to remind you to always keep up the maintenance and safety checks on your motorcycles throughout the year. Remember our golden rules when riding in groups. Always ride your own ride, never over your skill level and we return with the same amount of bikes that we left with. If one of us breaks down we all stop to help. We leave no one behind. I had a bad experience with this while riding with a group of riders other than Blue Knights and it's not a good feeling being broke down on the side of the rode by yourself when riding in a group of fourteen motorcycles. I know that would have never happen while riding with my Blue Knight Family! If you see a fellow biker on the side of the road and are able to safely stop to see if he/she needs help, it is always greatly appreciated. If you are on the side of the road and need help, put your helmet on the ground behind your motorcycle a few feet away from the motorcycle. This indicates to other bikers that you are in need of some help. We have to stick together and help each other. On a sad note, Chapter Secretary Mike Glugla's mother passed away on 11/18. Our deepest and sincere condolences go out to Mike and his family. Our Chapter Chaplin, Honorary member Mark Lancaster underwent back surgery. Thankfully Mark is doing well and beginning to ride once again.

GA XXII has been busy over the past few months. On Saturday, Oct,26 we enjoyed our Chapter Social which was held at Chapter President Eddie Henderson's Creekside Pavilion. Thank You to Eddie and his wife Candy for hosting this awesome event. On Tuesday 11/12 we rode to Dahlonaga Ga. and had lunch at The Foothill Grill. On 11/25 our Chapter rode to Cleveland Ga. and had lunch at a very cool place called Smith's Soda Shop. We also visited Sautee Nacoochee/Covered Bridge which was awesome!



SRC Safety Officer Sal Anticito



On Fri. 12/13 we all had fun at our annual Chapter Christmas Party at Vincent's Copper Top Restaurant in Blairsville and on 12/14 our Chapter participated in Blairsville Police Dept.'s Shop With A Cop at our local Walmart. We brought smiles to many needy kids in our community. What a great feeling that is! We welcomed a new member into our Chapter, Joe Daum. Joe and his wife are from California and we're happy to have him as a Chapter member. Just a reminder, GA XXII will be hosting our SRC

Conference Sept. 14-17, 2025. It will be a great conference with beautiful rides, You will not want to miss it so make plans to attend. This Conference will be held from a Sunday to a Wednesday. Well that's about it for now, please stay safe and remember, always RIDE WITH PRIDE!





South Carolina XIV

Blue Knights Surfside Beach SC XIV had one of our brothers pass very recently and very unexpectedly. A man who exemplified what it meant to be a true friend, a dedicated law enforcement officer, and a steadfast brother to all—David "Stump" Olinger. David, a retired Virginia State Master Trooper, was the Sergeant-at-Arms for our Chapter. His legacy is built on his unwavering faith, his commitment to serving others, and the deep bond he shared with those fortunate enough to call him a friend. Throughout his life, Stump was a living example of courage, loyalty, and compassion. Whether as a trooper in the field or as a brother in the Blue Knights, he was always ready to lend a helping hand, offer guidance, or simply share a laugh. His strength was never just physical—it was a strength of character, of heart, and of unshakeable faith in God and country. He served his community with honor, his brothers and sisters in law enforcement with pride, and his family with the kind of love that can never be measured.

Stump was never one to seek the spotlight. His actions spoke volumes. He gave without hesitation, supported without question, and cared without condition. His presence was a source of comfort to many, his wisdom a guiding light. As Sergeant-at-Arms for the Blue Knights, he embodied the values of unity and brotherhood that the club represents. His leadership, integrity, and sense of duty will forever be remembered by all who knew him. As we reflect on the life of this incredible man, we find solace in knowing that Stump's work here on Earth is now complete. He has joined Heaven One and his watch over us continues in spirit. While we mourn his passing, we also celebrate the gift of knowing him—the lessons he taught, the moments he shared, and the strength he gave us all.



South Carolina XIV

Stump may no longer walk among us, but his legacy will endure. He lives on in the hearts of his family, his friends, and his brothers and sisters in blue. We will carry his memory with us always, and his example will continue to guide us as we honor his life. Our brother Stump has moved on to Heaven One and we will hold the line from here. Rest in peace, our brother.





Harold Piet—Chaplain

As the holidays come and go, some will spend more time inside with family and friends than out on the highways riding their motorcycles. Things do not change. In the Bible, Solomon, the wisest of all, said in Ecclesiastes 1:9 “there is nothing new under the sun.” But I say there may be nothing new under the sun, but there are many things and places we have not visited yet. There are people and places we need to visit and revisit. Visit the sick and those in nursing homes. Help the needy. There is a terrific opportunity to do the things we are called to do. For some, that is giving, others that is hosting. I pray! I pray because there are so many people hurting and in need. The Bible (Philippians 4:6) tells me to pray in every situation. The Lord Jesus says in Matthew 25:40 “whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”.

As we start the new year of 2025. We can share a smile, visit the sick, give to the needy, and get out and ride with your chapters. Encourage others. Ride! There is that “place” you can remember that was so good, go again, take someone with you and share the joy. The brotherhood of the Blue Knights is valuable, socialize, treasure the friends you have, and make new friends. There is a country song that states you cannot make old friends. Treasure your old friends and make new ones too.

Be safe, Ride with Pride

Harold Piet

SRC Chaplain





Alabama VII

On Saturday 7 December 2024 with temperatures hovering around 20 degrees, members of Alabama VII set out from Huntsville, AL for a 2+ hour ride to Eldridge Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama for their annual Toy Run. Alabama VII had seven members brave the frigid temperatures to do our part to support the boys and girls living at the Eldridge Children's Home. Longtime Alabama VII member Ron Merkh and his wife Barbara sponsor a teenaged girl at the home and chapter members help buy Christmas presents as well as make financial contributions to the home to help with operating expenses. At last count over \$135,000.00 was raised to support the children with more coming in every day.

Ride With Pride, Alabama VII.





Louisiana XVI

Greetings Brother and sister Blue Knights,

Louisiana XVI has been hard at work preparing to host you at the Spring 2025 Southern Regional Conference. As previously stated, our dates are April 10-13, 2025 @ the Holiday Inn (South), Baton Rouge, La. As of the date of writing this letter, there are still several rooms available at both the main hotel and the secondary hotel, Quality Inn, which is on the same property. Online registration and payments are available on our website, bklouisiana16.org, as well as printable, mail in, registration forms. Due to Hotel and Banquet requirements, we have placed a deadline of March 1, 2025, to register for the conference. Conference T-shirts are also preorder only so all registrations and t-shirt orders will need to be made before that date. Please check out our website for more Information and, as always, if you have a question, or issue with registering, please give me a call.

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Events:
Nightly Hospitality Room
Daily Rides
Presidents Meeting
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Georgia XVI

It has been a very good year in 2024 for GA XVI. We have attended conferences not only in the SRC but The RGC Conference in the spring in Arkansas, and the BKI 50th International Conference in Maine.

We have travelled thousands of miles throughout the year by our members, Travelling from Ga to Fla, to Chicago, to California, to Tennessee, to Kentucky, to Canada and all over the United States. Weekend trips, week trips, day trips, and overnight trips. We own motorcycles so we ride. At least 5 of our members received their Straddle the Saddle patch from our North

American VP Calvin Ennals. An incentive created by him for members to be challenged to ride. We've attended our SRC Conferences, put together rides and events that were joined by other chapters throughout the year as well as joined other chapters in their events.

This year we hosted our fourth annual Lodge at Tellico run in Tennessee and had three different chapters attend.

Our chapter meets the fourth Thursday of every month and has very good participation and conducted business pertaining to our chapter. We had two new members join this year and appointed Chris Byers as our Sgt. At Arms. We meet and support a local restaurant Bubbas 33 in Buford monthly. We attended several Bike Nights at the American legion and other local Bike nights in the area.

This year we attended Rallies in Laconia NH, Daytona Beach Bike Week and Biketoberfest, Myrtle Beach Bike Week just to name a few. Our members and family participate in events and travel along with us and it's great to have that support. They also understand what it means when we say we "RIDE WITH PRIDE" as they do support and attend events with us.

I am proud to serve as the President of GA XVI and have for 15 years out of the 17 years we have been chartered. Our board consisting of Ken Richards VP, Wes Fowler Secretary, Terry Dunnagan Treasurer, and B.O.D's Dave Harter, Ron Bridgefarmer, Derek Aycart, Elias Casanas, Ed Byers Chaplain, and Chris Byers S.O.A, all share with me that same honor and pride while representing the Blue Knights International Motorcycle Club and riding together as a BROTHERHOOD. We are looking to the upcoming year of 2025 to put many more miles on the road as our chapter rides and grows.

Georgia XVI



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Georgia XVI





Florida I



Florida I was chartered in the summer of 1975 at Lt. Roland Stuart's house in Gainesville, Florida. The original founding father was Stewart "Tiny" Scales who was a transport deputy with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. The Charter Members were: Stewart "Tiny" Scales, Lt. Roland Stuart (Gainesville PD), Sgt. Larry Snyder (Gainesville PD), Officer John Miles (Gainesville PD) and Lt. Don Dennis (Gainesville PD). Don D. is our remaining charter member and has been active in our chapter since the beginning.

There had been a discrepancy as to which chapter was the oldest in the SRC due to a paperwork mix up at International HQ. It seems one of our rosters (from the mid 80's) was misplaced making it look as if Florida I had lapsed. Thanks to Jana doing some digging in the archives, the missing roster was located. This confirms that Florida I is in fact the oldest continuous charter in the SRC. We will celebrate our 50th Anniversary this year.

In November, FL I members assisted with the placing of flags on our Veteran's graves at the Evergreen Cemetery in Gainesville. We were assisted by Miss Patty whose husband is a Marine and her grandson John whose father is an Army vet. Our group was given two sections where we searched and located the final resting place of 65 veterans. It was an honor to volunteer along with dozens of others to place the flags on over 1,000 graves.

December saw members Don and Donna S. participate in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony in Gainesville as well as arranging for donations to Toys for Tots from our chapter.

Our Christmas party was held at the FOP Gator Lodge in Gainesville and was a HUGE success. Lots of gift giving and "stealing" along with celebrating Christmas, an 80th Birthday for Jim S. and an 8th Anniversary for Bob and Ruby D. We were blessed to be joined by Miss Doris Donovan, wife of Heaven 1 member and our long time Chaplain, Al Donovan, along with Miss Vicki Shanks, wife of Heaven 1 member Larry Shanks.

On 12/31/2024, 4 members and a guest took a meandering ride through the countryside for lunch at Treasure Camp Restaurant along the Suwannee River. The weather was perfect for those able to spin their wheels one last time in 2024.



Florida I

Florida members - or those willing to travel.

The S.M.A.R.T. Motorcycle Safety Course is for experienced riders and given at 6 different locations throughout Florida.

SMART Courses aim to enhance rider safety by practicing skills taught in the Basic Police Motorcycle Operators Course.

The cost is \$0. Yep, it's FREE - just sign up and show up. The sign-up links are live now for some of the locations.

Florida I will be attending the Gainesville location. Members are registered for Jan 18, March 01 and March 22. Google "Ride Smart Florida" for the link.

For those of you who might be coming down to Florida for a bit this winter, our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the 1906 Farmhouse Restaurant in Newberry at 1830 hrs. We'd love to have you swing by for one of our meetings and a good meal.

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Sean Balsamello



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Florida I





Florida IV

FLIV EVENTS:

Remembering Sergeant Christopher Reyka - August 5, 2024

FLIV attended the Broward Sheriff's Office, Pompano Beach District ceremony in remembrance of Sergeant Christopher Reyka. Sgt. Reyka, 51, was shot and killed outside a Pompano Beach drug store early on the morning of August 10, 2007, while checking license plates for possible stolen vehicles. More than 4,000 law enforcement officers and citizens attended Sgt. Reyka's funeral service. He was characterized as one of BSO's best and brightest during the eulogy.

Miami-Dade Police Benevolent Association Cigar Social - August 22, 2024

Members attended the South Florida PBA Fall Cigar Social benefiting Mystic Force Foundation in support of childhood cancer research and enhancing the lives of children battling cancer. Donors were provided with an all you can eat buffet, beverages and a cigar. A disc jockey was present to liven up the festivities.

Miami Sound Off Bike Show – August 31, 2024

In support of the community, members of the Blue Knights FLIV Chapter attended Miami's Sound Off and Bike Show. This free event brought bike enthusiasts together to see creative one of a kind motorcycles. Custom paint jobs, low riders and extremely loud motorcycle stereo systems were on display to wow the crowd.

Blue Knights Southern Regional Conference – Sept. 13, 2024

Chapter members attended the SRC's fall meeting in Scottsboro, Alabama. Traveling over 1,500 miles round trip members were able to dodge the bad weather and fellowship with SRC attendees. Members expressed how they enjoyed Scottsboro's small town charm and welcoming community. FLIV president's favorite place was Payne's soda fountain and sandwich shop. Payne's has been in existence for over 150 years.

Chapter Monthly Meeting – Sept. 21, 2024

Honorary member Dios hosted our Miami meeting at his home. He and Erik, our chapter secretary, cooked up a storm. After a short club meeting, members were treated to ribs, mac & cheese along with cornbread muffins. It was a good meeting and wonderful meal!

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Florida IV





Louisiana VIII

The members of the Blue Knights LA Chapter VIII along with Blue Santa enjoyed the holiday season by visiting with the veterans at the Southwest Louisiana Veterans Home in Jennings, LA on December 21, 2024. The members donated much needed items for the veterans to use throughout the year. The event was such a success that the club plans to make this an annual event.

Mike Reed
President
Blue Knights LA Chapter VIII





Florida IX



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Daytona Beach chapter FL-IX will be hosting a hospitality evening on Thursday March 6th , 1600–1900 and a continental breakfast and ride on Friday March 7th at 0900. A guided ride at 1000. At approx. 1400 a light lunch and refreshments will be served. There will be an auction and door prizes and 50/50. All will be at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 40, 471 Old Mission Road, New Smyrna Beach, Fl. Menu items are to be determined. You are guaranteed to have a good time and meet up with some old friends. Camping is available at the FOP or at Dave Hinshaw's residence in the country outside of Edgewater. Please advise by email or text at 386-689-0809 if you are interested in a camping spot. We are working on a BBQ ride at this time. Many in the chapter would like to return to the days of having a sponsoring Motel to provide rooms at reasonable rates for all Blue Knights® visiting the area. Interest in such lately has been less than enthusiastic from throughout the entire organization. Raffle tickets for a SCCY- DVG 9mm, will be available as well as numerous auction items. All funds raised over costs, will be donated to the Concerns of Police Survivors, in memory of the three Palm Beach Deputies and Charlotte County Deputy who lost their lives in the Line of Duty this past year.

Until Bike Week, Ride with Pride, stay safe and keep all of our brothers still on the job in your prayers.

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Fall 2025 SRC



Blue Knights Southern Regional Conference Fall Conference September 14 - 17, 2025 Some of the best motorcycle roads in the Southeast! **RIDE WITH PRIDE!**

Welcome to the North Georgia Mountains!

Host Hotel: Lake Chatuge Lodge overlooking Lake Chatuge, 653 U.S. Highway 76, Hiawassee, GA 30546 Call 706-896-5253, \$95.00 regular room rate. \$115.00 with Lake View. Continental breakfast included. Trailer Parking available on site. Hotel rate cut off August 10th.

Overflow Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, 300 Big Sky Drive, Hiawassee, Georgia Call 706-896-8884 \$108.00 room rate. Breakfast included. Hotel rate cut off August 15th. (1.2 miles from Host Hotel)

Check In/Registration Sunday 3:00PM—7:00PM

President's Meeting Monday 8:00AM—9:00AM

Guided Rides Monday and Tuesday with self guided options.

Banquet Tuesday night at the Anderson Music Hall with live music.

Networking Room Sunday -Tuesday nights. Live music Monday night.

50/50 Raffle Every Night. Vendor and Chapter Sales available.

Contact: GA XXII President Eddie Henderson. 404-276-4705 or heh06@bellsouth.net

Registration:

\$130.00 per person. Includes conference logo drawstring backpack and neck gaiter with conference logo. Preregistration cutoff August 12th to guarantee banquet attendance. <https://bksrcfall2025.com/>



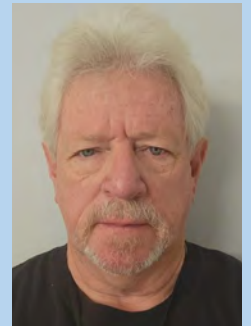


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