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On December 5, 2024, members of BC IX presented the Salmon Arm BC SAFE Society with a cheque for \$1035 to help their clients in need at Christmas. Society Executive Director Paige Hilland accepted the cheque on behalf of the society. One of the society's many programs is a transition house for victims of domestic violence which aligns well with our work in law enforcement.

Pictured from left to right:

L to R: Brian O'Callaghan, Gerard Hebson, Terry Harink, Paige Hilland, Randy Koch, Keith Sutherland and Wally Burns

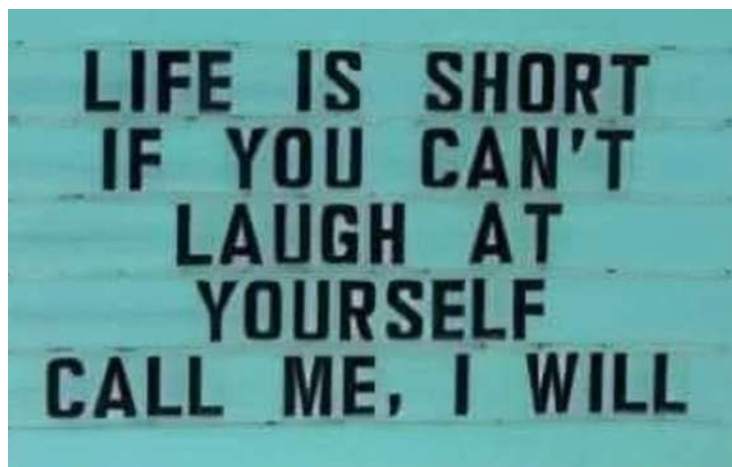
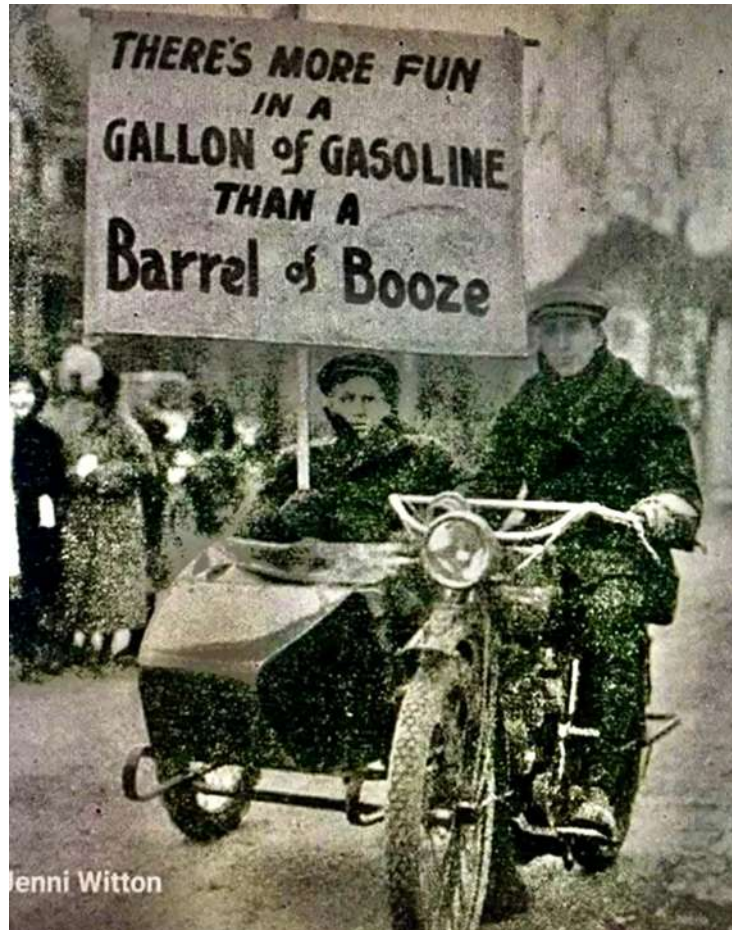




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Hello my friends. It is with a heavy heart, and much sadness, that I inform you that my good friend and brother, Sid Beech, BC X, passed away last night at 1830. He was at home, surrounded by his family. He lost his battle with cancer.

California XXII

Today was our annual New Year's Day lunch ride to the Carmel Valley. Beautiful weather great group of people. 22 of us made the ride and had a wonderful lunch at the Baja Cantina. The board of directors decided that the chapter would pick up everyone's lunch bill. Good way to start off our new year.



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CA XXII Ride to Lake Havasu





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~ Note to Self ~

"What is my purpose in life?" I asked the void.

"What if I told you that you fulfilled it when you took an extra hour to talk to that kid about his life?" said the voice.

"Or when you paid for that young couple in the restaurant? Or when you saved that dog in traffic? Or when you tied your father's shoes for him?"

"Your problem is that you equate your purpose with goal-based achievement. The Universe isn't interested in your achievements... just your heart. When you choose to act out of kindness, compassion and love, you are already aligned with your true purpose.

No need to look any further!"





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On January 1st Washington III had our Official First of the year meeting at IHOP restaurant. Several members were there to discuss rides for the upcoming season. We are planning the first ride for Saturday March 15 to Heppner, Or. for St. Patrick's Day. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. We are looking forward to good riding this year and hope to see you out on the road. Until then be safe and

Ride With Pride

Doc" Mohr, Chapter President

Final plans and negotiations appear to be complete for the 2025 Spud Run. Yes there will be a Banquet this year and at the price we paid three years ago. Here are the details confirmed as of this date.

Dates: May 23 and 24 with departure Sun May 25.

Hotel: Boise Riverside Hotel 1-800-568-8534 (208-343-1871) is accepting reservations for the Spud Run at a \$170 rate including breakfast with price cut off date of April 30, 2025.

Banquet: Saturday May 24 with a cut off purchase date of May 16th. The cost is \$30 per plate. Purchase is via the WCC Web page, and you will choose a chicken, beef or vegetarian dinner. NO PURCHASE AFTER May 16th. 5:00pm social gathering, cocktails available at lobby bar. 6:00pm plated dinner served. WCC Web page www.bkwcc.org.

Local Ride: ID I will leave the front lobby area at 9:30am Sat May 24 and lead a local ride. Four wheels are invited to follow.

Spud Run Coordinator Karl Hutchinson 916-768-0437



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Hello from Wyoming

Wyoming 1 is growing. We took on three new members since the last newsletter. JP Johnson transferred to us from California 1 when he moved to Cheyenne. David Jarvis, a new member who came to us after moving to Wyoming from New York. And Dana Anderson. Dana was actually a founding member of our chapter in 1985 but left the club for several years. He just couldn't stay away I guess and now he is back.

This year, 2025, saw four members receive their 40-year continuous membership pin. All four of them are original founding members of our chapter. They are Vern Anderson, Dave Skipper, Erin Marzluf and Billy Swearingin. And another member, Tom Bumgartner, received his 35-year membership pin.

That's it for now from Wyoming. Hope to see everyone at the Spud Run.





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Welcome, Blue Knight brothers and sisters to our first quarter newsletter! As we embark on a new season, we have a host of events and updates to share with you.

Season Kick-Off: Spud Run

Our season begins with the much-anticipated Spud Run. This annual event is a favorite among members, offering a blend of camaraderie and fun. Prepare your bikes and gear up for a great ride through picturesque landscapes. The Spud Run is not just about the ride; it's about connecting with fellow knights and



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celebrating our shared passion for motorcycling. Remember to get your banquet tickets before May 16, 2025. Buy the tickets on the WCC website.

West Coast Conference

Mark your calendars for August 17 through August 21 as we head to the West Coast Conference in Penticton BC. This event promises engaging meetings, great rides and networking opportunities with fellow Blue Knights. It's an opportunity to expand your friends and make lasting connections within the Blue Knights community.

International Convention in Mol, Belgium

In July, we will gather in Mol, Belgium, for our International Convention. This global event brings together Blue Knights from all over the world, celebrating our shared love for motorcycling and fostering international friendships. Mol, with its charming streets and rich history, provides the perfect backdrop for this convention. Expect a week filled with rides, cultural exchanges, and unforgettable experiences. Don't miss out on the chance to represent your chapter on an international stage!

Safety First

As always, safety remains our top priority. Make sure your bike is ready for the riding season, check the tires and not just the oil.

Community Engagement

Our community engagement initiatives continue to make a positive impact. From charity rides to local outreach programs, Blue Knights members are dedicated to giving back to their communities. We invite you to join these efforts and make a difference. Your involvement can help strengthen the bond between our club and the communities we serve. Be sure to let the conference and International know of your charity contributions.

Upcoming Events

Be sure to check our website and social media channels for updates and registration information.

Stay Connected



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We encourage all members to stay connected through our various communication platforms. Join our online forums, follow us on social media, and read our newsletter. Staying connected ensures you never miss out on important announcements and opportunities to engage with fellow Blue Knights.

This year is packed with exciting events and opportunities to foster connections within the Blue Knights community. Whether you're gearing up for the Spud Run, preparing for the West Coast Conference, or planning your trip to Mol, Belgium, there's something for every member to look forward to. Let's make this season memorable by participating in events, prioritizing safety, engaging in community initiatives, and staying connected.

Ride safe, ride strong, and enjoy the journey ahead!

RWP

Brent Pfundheller

Vice Chairman WCC USA

Greetings Knights of the WCC.

Looks like it's shaping up for another great riding year. The Spud Run in May kicks off the riding season for us northern folks. Karl Hutchinson recently put out an email with details on this event. The Radium Hot Springs, Tri-Province ride is the weekend of June 12-14, the Knights in the Valley ride is scheduled for July 17-20 this year in Drayton Valley AB. The big West Coast Conference is Aug 17-21 in beautiful Penticton BC. For you folks located south of the 49th, you are getting a super discount due to the devalued Canadian Dollar. So come on up and participate in and support this event in beautiful British Columbia!!

After much thought and consideration, I am tendering my resignation from the position Vice Chair Canada, effective April 1st, 2025.



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I am grateful for the experiences and opportunities I have encountered during my tenure. The WCC Board have been truly a great group to work with, very supportive and collaborative. Ted, Brent, Kent, Gary, and Rob are doing a great job for the conference, and they are the glue that has kept this conference going.

Thank you for your understanding and support. I've met some wonderful people and made some great friends over the years. I look forward to our paths crossing again in the future.

All the best, and may the genuine brothers and sisters live long and prosper. Have a great summer everyone! Wishing you safe and memorable journeys!

In closing in case, you missed it , and on a very sad note, my good friend and brother, Sid Beech, transferred to Heaven 1 on Dec 31st, 2024. Sid, Sheryl, and I shared some wonderful rides and memories over the years. Rest in peace my friend. The Duces ride on!

Ed Skotarek

Vice Chair Canada

Blue Knights - West Coast Conference





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I'm sure it is now you are in the process or at least thinking about getting your motorcycles ready for another summer of good riding, meeting old friends and hopefully some new ones on the rides

The Chapters will be preparing for events and hopefully these will be enjoyable and prosperous.

While the weather has not been good for riding the executive of the Club, Conferences and International Boards have continued the ever-present management issues. Again, the issue of membership was raised for the consideration of expanding membership to Corrections Officers in Government employment without Powers of Arrest. This was defeated at the Board of Directors meeting earlier in the month.

Powers of Arrest was a foundation requirement for membership of the club and has been maintained ever since. It is seen by some as outdated but essential by others. I believe the main thing it does is give security to those who want to ride with fellow Law Enforcement officers who feel safer and free to speak of their personal issues with others who have experienced the same incidents. It also differentiates our club from many others with less stringent demands. This rule has not been an impediment to the growth of the club over the first 40 years and is not likely to be the most significant cause of the decline over the numbers in the past 10 years.

As a young man I was advised to avoid speaking about religion, politics and family. At the time it was believed to be sound advice, but we have become very aware that talking about family and health can lead to some beneficial outcomes.

Religion is a bit here or there depending on where you stand on the planet.

Politics has become a red rag in most places. With the instant reporting by the media and the open access to news in the current era people are more aware of what is happening. It has also led to media reporting without fact checking and the wishes of the company owner coloring the issue they want to emphasize



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some part and not the complete story. Social media has allowed everyone to have a say and some speak louder than others to color their interpretation of the event or non event.

Recently the socials are raging with vitriol and some vigorous aggression against those who challenge or don't agree. It would be good if we could express a view with calm and measured reason and agree to disagree with humility. I see this as a greater threat to chapter peace and harmony than any recent impediment to sustained membership and even more to growth of club numbers.

I wish you all a great summer riding season, be safe and keep upright.

See you all at some events throughout the season

Ride with Pride

Ted Littleton
Chairman WCC

Scholarships are available, 3 from International and 2 from the WCC check the webpages

Also, if you are working on your Masters, or doctorate there is a scholarship for you



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A Yuma gathering of WCC Knights



Send your stories and photos to me
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