

# VENTURING MAGAZINE

**Thank You for Joining Us** by Craig Murray

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Now that the Venturing Magazine is coming to an end, I want to give a special thanks to Michael Brown for contributing "LeaderThoughts" articles for every issue of the Venturing Magazine.

You will be able to retrieve all the archived articles in the Venturing Notebook at <https://www.sageventure.com/venturing/Vmag.html>. Old links will not be forwarded beginning in April because the URL will end so you will have to look them up in the new archives which will be active in April.

My new blog site is [www.sagethinking.org](http://www.sagethinking.org). If any Crew wants to share an experience, I am glad to share it on that site. "Like it" and you should receive notifications when I add a short positive commentary or a Crew experience.

I have always done my best to promote Venturing. In 2002, I became my council's Teen Leader's Council (TLC) Advisor which was the predecessor of today's Venturing Officer's Association. I wrote a TLC website for my council and gathered and shared as much Venturing information from other councils in Southern California that was available. That was the same year that I started the [Venturing Notebook](#) which has seen a good many changes but hopefully helped the Venturing community.



I have to give a special thank you to Joe Garrett because of the important interface he has had to my time in Venturing. As I've said in "Venturing and the Magazine," November, 2016, Joe and I met through a whitewater rafting trek that his Crew was offering to other Crews. On that trek, Kodiak Leadership Skills training was taught. By the end of the trek, Joe and I had become fast friends, and since I was a trained Kodiak course director, I offered to be the course director for future Kodiak Treks which lasted through 2010.

Before the first whitewater trek, Joe expressed interest in bringing back the [Corps of Discovery](#) (COD) which was introduced in 1999. I developed a flap to replace the hanging claw and since that time, the COD has continued to grow. And again, in 2006, Joe asked me to design a VOA patch and it is that design that BSA is now using.



That leads us to 2011 when Jim Winters was looking for someone to take over the Venturing Magazine and Joe offered and asked me to help. Our first issue was January, 2012. So we have had five good years and we thank you for joining us.