

Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2010



Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Group California Chapter



Blue Knights CA XVII
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'As A Blue Knight I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights.'

Members in Attendance:

Larry Meyers, Dan Kiernan, Jerry Pereira, James Aguirre, Mike Baker, Anthony Biter, Ken Cozzens, Richard Diaz, Ernie Eglin, Mark Englander, Stan Hibdon, Joe Galante, Landis Potter, and Mark Boltinhouse.

Old business:

- Jan 2010 After meeting ride
The January meeting was one of the best-attended meetings we've had in a long time. Too bad most had other plans for the day and only four riders went on the Ventura County South Perimeter Ride led by Larry Meyers. The weather was perfect with clear skies and little to no wind. We traveled the foothill roads from Ventura to Somis and over the ridge at Balcom Canyon. Then Back over via Grimes and a short break at Moorpark Harley. We then cut across Simi to Black Canyon, what a thrill ride, up the steep, narrow, and twisty road to a great viewpoint near Rocketdyne at the top of Woolsey Canyon. This was followed by a fun sweep down the canyon and out to the 101 on Valley Circle Drive. After heading around the outskirts of Westlake it was up to Mulholland and down to PCH. What a gorgeous view of the Pacific Ocean and ride up the coast. We ended the ride at Smokey's in Sea Bridge Plaza for lunch and enjoyed fine BBQ at its best. Join the fun and plan to be on our next ride to adventure.
Submitted by Larry Meyers
- **Newly elected Chapter Safety Officer:**
Jerry Pereira was duly elected as safety officer at our last chapter meeting. Jerry has a passion for safety. You have noticed that he rides at the back of the pack on all rides. He is also the only chapter rider to **NOT** skid thru a red light at an intersection on recent rides. Jerry is a retired CHP motor officer with many safe hours and stories on two wheels, just ask him. It seems like he has accumulated a hundred years of experience while behind bars, the handlebars, that is. Thanks Jerry

- The Palm Springs/ Salvation Mountain ride was called off due to inclement weather. However, a ride planned by Blue Knights VI is a possible replacement. Glenn Carpenter sends this:

Reminder - Palm Springs Overnighter - January 30, 2010

Shilo Inn for \$69 a night, double occupancy.
address is 1875 North Palm Canyon Drive
 Contact number is **(760) 320-7676**,
 group code: **Blue Knights Law Enforcement**.
 Rate is good for Saturday, January 30.

If all rooms get booked, members need to speak with Sal in-group booking and see if he will extend the rate to them. If that proves to be a problem, I will try to expand the room book if needed.

New business:

- **The after meeting ride for February 13th will be to the Santa Monica Pier (Bubba Gumps).**
- **Ride for Kids- Torrance** this year will be held on 05-02-2010.
- The date for the Blue Knight's Southwestern Conference of 2010 is July 22-27, 2010 in Grand Junction, CO. For details, go to the Blue Knight's web site.
- The date of next year's **Downed Officer's ride is 08-22-10 at 0800 to 1500 hours. At Westfield Valencia Town Center**
 24201 Valencia Blvd.
 Valencia, CA 91355 (For an online registration go to: www.downedofficers.com)
- **The 3rd Annual West Valley LAPD Memorial** will be held on 08-28-2010.
- Our Chapter recently donated \$200.00 to each of the following Police Explorer Groups: Oxnard Police Department, Santa Paula Police Department, and Ventura County Sheriff's.

Note

Date February 13, 2010 is the date for the next meeting of the Blue Knights CA XVII. We will meet at Mike's Fiesta Restaurant. Meet there at 0800 hours for breakfast; monthly meeting will begin at 0830.

Member's Corner: Share your recent ride story or other Motorcycle info.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$4520.00 Plus \$100.00 in petty cash. We also have three full sets of patches.

Come to the next meeting and plan the rides and events that you want, on the schedule you want. Remember to "RIDE WITH PRIDE!" www.blueknights-ca17.org

