

Meeting Minutes for February 13, 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, Jerry Pereira, Ken Cozzens, Richard Diaz, and Jean and Mark Boltinhouse.

Old business:

- In January the weekend ride to Indio and Salvation Mountain got rained out but the following weekend was the Blue Knights overnight gathering in Palm Springs. Jerry, Larry and his wife Jackie were able to make a weekend of it and went down Friday Jan 29th and came back Sunday. Knights from Nevada, Arizona and several California chapters stayed at the Shiloh Inn. Saturday morning Jerry and Larry visited with Jerry's old training officer from the CHP who now lives in the Palm Desert area. Then Larry, Jerry and Jackie went for a long ride out to the Patton Museum followed by a trip to Niland where "Slab City" and "Salvation Mountain" are located. Leonard Knight, the creator of the mountain, gave them a personal tour of the mountain. Pictures of the adventure are located on our website. With Jerry in the lead we made a mad dash back to Palm Springs and Jerry Reed's Restaurant to meet up with the rest of the Knights at the gathering. For those that missed this one we will schedule another Palm Springs weekend later in the year. This was just too much fun, we have to do this again when Dick (the original ride coordinator) can make it.
- February 13, 2010 after meeting ride was to Bubba Gump's at the Santa Monica Pier. Great ride, good food and perfect weather. The ride started with Safety Officer, Jerry Pereira; speaking on two points, watch the horizon and road debris. We were heading into the busy beach area of Santa Monica and rain-washed roads covered with sand and rocks. Jerry's advice was right on. We picked the most beautiful day to ride the California coast. The temperature was in the seventies, no wind, and no clouds. We had all the time in the world on this lunch ride. At a pit stop at a gas station on the way, a tourist approached us from Brazil who asked where the action was happening. We gave him some ideas and somehow, by talking to Jerry Pereira, we found out this tourist and Jerry were related. On to the Pier and Bubba Gumps...

We arrived too early for lunch so we walked the boardwalk and took in the sites. The beach and



pier were starting to load up with visitors. We sat down to lunch at 12:30 at the best table in the house, top floor, surfside, corner table with all windows. Our server, Oscar, brought us appetizers and fish and shrimp meals that filled us up. We shared conversation with the folks at tables around us. Everyone seemed to be in good spirits. One Asian man in a suit had a star pin on his lapel. I asked him about it and through an interpreter he said it was a gift from Lee Baca, Sheriff of LASO. I gave him one of our Sheriff's Departments pins. He put it on

his suit coat and smiled like I just bought him a new Mercedes. He introduced us to his wife and daughter and three Chinese students at his table. He bought us drinks and the good will continued.

Seated at the table next to Ken Cozzens was a gal listening to our Chinese party. She heard the letters LASO and keyed off of that. She told Ken that she worked for LASO and on and on it went. Oscar put us through our paces with a Bubba Gump movie quiz and Jean and Ken fired every answer back at him.

After a memorable time at the Santa Monica pier, we rode home by way of PCH and Kanan Road. All in all, it was a safe and pleasurable ride.



New business:

- **The after meeting ride for March 13th will be to the Noriega Hotel in Bakersfield. Please RSVP to velocipete@aol.com by March 6th.**
- **Ride for Kids- Torrance** this year will be held on 05-02-2010.
- **May meeting: 05-08-10 will be a support ride for Blue Knights XIII. We will not meet at Mikes Fiesta.** We will meet at 0600 hours, Fillmore donut shop (near Starbucks and Vons) at the 126 and 23 hwy. The ride starts in Victorville at Cycle Gear, 14052 Park Ave. Pre-registration is \$25.00 by 04/30/10. Day of ride registration is \$30.00, includes lunch, drink, poker run, prizes, and chance to win a dinner cruise for two. Registration forms available at bkca13president@hotmail.com
- **Biker's for Christ 7th annual benefit Ride.** On Saturday, June 12, 2010, the Teen Challenge charity and fundraiser will start at 800AM at Cal Coast Motorsports in Ventura and end at Teen Challenge, 6790 N. Ventura Ave. Ventura with a BBQ. \$25.00 registration fee includes one poker hand; five raffle tickets, ride pin, and meal.
- 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.
- Be sure to check our new design and format of the website at www.blueknights-ca17.org

Note

Date **March 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. Be sure to RSVP Mark Boltinhouse velocipete@aol.com for lunch at the Noriega Hotel.**

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

