

Meeting Minutes for October 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, Ken Cozzens.

Old business:

- **September 25th the Elks Lodge** in Santa Barbara sponsored a poker run to benefit the Veteran's fund. This event was attended by Larry Meyers and Keith Lazz from our chapter. The stops were in Los Olivos, Orcutt, Lompoc and returned to the Elk's Lodge in Santa Barbara where a BBQ, live band, and prize drawings were enjoyed by the participants.
- **Ride to Recovery:** The "wounded warriors" veteran's bicycle ride was assisted by the following Blue Knights from our chapter; Larry Meyers, Ken Cozzens, Ernie Eglin, Mark Englander, and Larry Baugher. Along with members of the American Legion Riders we had approximately 20 motorcyclists as escorts from Cold Springs off Hwy 154 to the Marriott Hotel on the beach in Ventura. We got to meet some really courageous people who, some with missing limbs, rode bicycles from San Francisco to Santa Monica. Each had the job of raising funds to support other wounded vets with physical and mental recovery. The sunny but cool weather provided a great environment for the escorts who ensured a safety zone for the R2R participants. Ernie also helped out on Saturday (the final leg - Ventura to Santa Monica. We plan assist every year R2R is held.
- Free coupons for **\$2.00 off to the Ronald Reagan Library** motorcycle exhibit are available through Mark Englander. Contact Mark at 805 207-7232 or via email at maenglander@aol.com The exhibit is open now through November 9th during regular library hours, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and is included as part of the admission price for the library. Tickets are \$12 for adults 18-61; seniors 62 and older, \$9; youths 11-17, \$6, and children younger than 11 are admitted free. For more information, <http://www.reaganfoundation.org>

New business:

- The date for the **Blue Knight's Southwestern Conference** of 2011 is June, 2011 in Prescott, Arizona. For details, go to the Blue Knight's web site.
- **October 23-25th Over-night to Julian** - Make your reservations now!

You are invited to join other Chapter XVII members in this quaint old western/gold mining town in northern San Diego County. Many bed and breakfast places are available and a variety of restaurants make this a great destination for a fun weekend. Three couples from our chapter have made reservations at the Orchard Hill B&B. A Sunday ride to Borrego Springs is planned during this trip to see the huge iron statues. Driving along a desolate highway you're being fooled by a mirage when you see two raptors locked in battle, or a monstrous eagle poised for take-off into the blazing sky. But as you slow down to get a better look, you realize this is no mirage: there really *are* giant creatures dwelling in the sand next to the road.

In this desert valley, prehistoric creatures and humans sculpted in scrap metal and iron cohabit in the Anza-Borrego Desert. Almost 100 beasts and desert dwellers stand realistically frozen in time, butting heads, snarling, or searching for their next meal in the scorching desert.

The sculpture park is a collaboration of artist Ricardo Breceda and Dennis Avery, an heir to the Avery office products fortune, who owns several square miles of land known as **Galleta Meadows** in the town of Borrego Springs where the statues reside.



A camel sculpted out of metal and iron by Ricardo Breceda was one of the first figures placed at prehistoric beasts and other creatures are currently on display. –Photos by Ashlyn Monita

- **Nominations for Chapter Officers:** The following members have been nominated for the following positions in 2011; **Ken Cozzens** for the treasurer's position to be vacated by Dan Kiernan , **Larry Meyers** would like to give up the president's position after eight years but has been nominated again (anyone else interested?), **Mark Boltinhouse** for Vice President/Secretary, and Jerry Pereira for Safety Officer. Nominations will be open until the November meeting where ballots will be handed out for a vote.

- Do we want to be a part of a town Christmas Parade this year? Dates for the Fillmore and Oxnard parades are being researched. The Santa Paula Santa Escort is planned again as soon as we can obtain the date. Check our website calendar often for future rides and events.
- **December 4th El Rio School District Toy Run**
The 11th annual toy run by Biker's for Christ will again please many children in this area. Stand by for more details in the future.

Note

Date **November 13th, 2010 is the date for the next meeting of the Blue Knights CA XVII. We meet at Mike's Fiesta Restaurant off of Victoria Avenue in Ventura 0800 for breakfast and the meeting starts at 0830. The after meeting ride will be to Rooney's Irish Pub in Orcutt.**

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$4256.41 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

