

## Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2010



# Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Group California Chapter



Blue Knights CA XVII  
P.O. Box 5197  
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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, Dick Diaz, Jerry Pereira, and Mark Boltinhouse.

The November meeting of the Blue Knight's Chapter California XVII opened with the reading of the above Blue Knight's pledge by Mark Boltinhouse.

October minutes were read and seconded by Jerry Pereira.

### Old business:

- Overnight trip to Julian, California.  
Orchard Hill bed and breakfast was our destination for a two-night stay in this restored, western mining town in northern San Diego County. Three couples from our chapter enjoyed great accommodations, gourmet food, cheese and wine, and the best apple cider this side of Washington State. Julian is known for its Apple Festival. The second day was a good day with sun and no wind. It was perfect for a ride or shopping.

Two couples rode to Anza Borrego to see the desert sculptures. 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 Galleta Meadows. Prehistoric beasts and other creatures are currently on display. In total, it was a half day ride and worth the time. They were back in time for lunch and a nap.





The other couple decided to shop for Christmas stocking stuffers on the second day. Julian is a friendly western town for shopping like Solvang is for ...expensive dust catchers. We found rattlesnake eggs, fool's gold, birdhouses, apple pie, caramel apples, apple cider, dried apples, apple potpourri, etc. Somehow we missed the staged shootout behind the blacksmith's barn and the melodrama at the town hall. Both of these are favorites of mine since there is no cost

and the cast is of real dinosaurs from Anza Borrego.

The ride to and from was cold and wet. The women never complained about the rain or the cold. They were troopers. Their husbands provided watertight suits, helmets, and gloves. However, one rider, me, was testing Rider Magazine's lightweight rain suit. As we descended out of Julian (5,000 feet) and out of a heavy rain cloud on the last day, rain soaked me to the bone. I looked down and saw my free Rider Magazine lightweight rain pants shredded into unfashionable feather pants. I thought one of the raptors from Anza Borrego was clawing me through the rain and wind. I looked for blood. No, I was fine. Just wet. We all were fine and dry by the time we arrived home. Note to Rider Magazine: %##@&!!!

- 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.
- Our faithful Treasurer of the past, Dan Kiernan, sent his resignation. As you know, Dan is relocating to Georgia soon and felt that he needed to resign before the Chapter elections in November. All our good wishes go out to this popular and hard working young man.
- Chapter Pins are available from our Chapter's President, Larry Meyers, for \$5.00.

### **New Business:**

- **Election of Chapter Officers:** Nominations for Chapter Officers came in and the results of the election are as follows:  
President- Larry Meyers  
Vice President- Dick Diaz  
Secretary- Mark Boltinhouse  
Treasurer- Ken Cozzens  
Directors:  
Ron Large, Larry Bauer, George Conahey, and Ernest Eglin.  
  
Safety Officer- Jerry Pereira  
Web Master- Larry Meyers
- **Chapter renewals** – A motion was made by Ken Cozzens to mail out membership renewals for 2011 to all members. Mark Boltinhouse seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

- **December 4th - Fillmore Christmas Parade** - Yes, we will ride in the Fillmore Christmas Parade this year. Meet in front of Fillmore P.D. at 1130 hrs to decorate bikes. We will register at noon and line up at 1230 to be in the parade that starts at 1300 hrs.
- **December 11th El Rio School District Toy Run**  
The 11<sup>th</sup> annual toy run by Biker's for Christ will again please many children in this area. We will meet 0800 at Johnny Rocket's, Camarillo Premium Outlets, Camarillo for this event. This will be our December meeting. (From the 101 freeway, exit Las Posas Road; Go south, then left on Ventura Blvd. The Outlet will be on your right side.) Cost is two unwrapped toys per person, for a boy or girl age 5 to 12.



**Date:** Saturday, December 11th, 2010

**Place:** Johnny Rockets • Camarillo Premium Outlets

*(From the 101 freeway, exit Las Posas Rd. Go south, then left again on Ventura Blvd. The Outlet will be on your right hand side.)*

**Time:** 8:00am - 10:00am registration • KSO 10:15 sharp

**Cost:** Two unwrapped toys per person, for a boy or girl age 5 to 12

**End location:** Rio Real Elementary School • 1140 Kenney St., Oxnard, CA 93026

**Your CHANGE CAN CHANGE LIVES!** Your spare change will be accepted and donated to the Rio School District for purchase of books and school supplies.



*These 600 + underprivileged Kids from Rio School District in Oxnard will be awaiting your arrival.*

*last year's support was GREAT!  
let's make this year even better!*



- **December 17,18,19- International Motorcycle Show- Long Beach, CA**  
Held at the Long Beach Convention Center. Price is \$15.00 per person. The hours are: Friday 4 PM-9PM, Saturday 9:30-8PM, Sunday 9:30AM-5PM. We plan to leave the Park N Ride at 101 & Rancho Rd., Thousand Oaks on Sunday at 0800 hrs.

- **December 18<sup>th</sup>-Santa Paula Santa Escort**

We will meet at SPPD at 0930 to decorate our bikes and be ready at 1030 hours to start. This is our third year escorting Santa to the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Paula.

- **2010 Chapter XVII Donations:**

A motion by Larry Meyers for a \$200.00 donation to the Rio School District at the BFC Toy Run benefiting students at Rio Real School was made. Ken Cozzens seconded the motion.

A motion by Ken Cozzens for a \$200.00 donation to the Boys and Girls club of Santa Paula was made and seconded by Larry Meyers.

A motion by Larry Meyers for a \$200.00 donation to City Corp. of Ventura was made and seconded by Jerry Pereira.

A motion by Ken Cozzens for a \$200.00 donation to California Highway Patrol Explorers was made and seconded by Larry Meyers.

**Note**

**Date December 11, 2010 is the date for the next meeting of the Blue Knights CA XVII. We will not meet at Mike's Fiesta Restaurant off of Victoria Avenue in Ventura. See the above Toy Run info for meeting place.**

**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](http://www.blueknights-ca17.org)

