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One person can make a difference, and everyone should try. John Kennedy

MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATE

Christmas Party
December 14, 2024

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Poker Chip drawing was held. Mike Brashears' name was drawn. Since Mike was present he won the \$10. Mike donated the money back to the Chapter.

By being present at the monthly Blue Knight Chapter meeting you become eligible for the drawing. If you are present, you win the amount in the pot. If you are not present \$5 is added to the pot. Currently the amount is \$15.



THE BLUE KNIGHTS



The Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., is an International fraternal organization comprised of law enforcement officers and their families who are also motorcycle enthusiasts.

Headquartered in Bangor, Maine, the Blue Knights® operates under an international constitution and bylaws within an organizational structure of an international board of directors and eleven regional conferences, each conference including a number of local chapters. The Blue Knights® promotes safe and responsible motorcycling and sponsors fund raising in support of numerous charities.

The inception of the Blue Knights® came in April 1974 when a Bangor Maine, police officer had the idea of forming a motorcycle club for people in law enforcement. Since then, the club has grown to become the foremost and largest international law enforcement motorcycle club. Today, there are over twenty thousand Blue Knights® worldwide in six hundred in six hundred chapters in the twenty-nine countries and one commonwealth.



OUR CHAPTER IN SAN DIEGO

CALIFORNIA VI



Chapter California VI was formed in 1987 by a group of seventeen San Diego area law enforcement officers, some retired and some on active duty. We have been chartered since January 1988, making us one of the oldest currently existing Blue Knights® chapters in California. Our members are full-time, part-time and retired law enforcement officers from local, county, state and federal levels.

We are presently one of the largest chapters in the Southwest Conference, with over 40 members on our rolls. Chapter California VI members strive to promote a positive image both of law enforcement and motorcycling. We are active in community service projects, and each year we donate to local charities.

Chapter meetings are held at 0900 on the second Saturday of the month at the Broken Yolk Restaurant, 1851 Garnet Avenue, Pacific Beach, CA. (Unless that is a holiday weekend) After the breakfast and one hour meeting, we go for a ride.

Persons interested in becoming a member may contact Vice President Ray Juanengo by email at: BlueKnightsCAVI.VP@gmail.com



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PLEDGE: 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®



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ken Smith President

Hello my fellow Blue Knights!



Well, it's official: we have officially stopped advertising and planning for Thanksgiving, and moved right into Christmas. Several organizations have already had the tree lighting ceremonies! I realize the retail stores always start early but even with all the holiday commercials, I have yet to see one for Thanksgiving except for Campbell's soup! Can't we go back to at least pretending to care about Thanksgiving, other than the food? I miss the good old days when NO ONE was allowed to even air a Christmas commercial until Thanksgiving night. Now, Black Friday Deals have been offered for over a week. As long as Blue Knights hold onto and share our traditions, all will be right with the world (I hope!) Maybe one of you will get a new Harley for Xmas!

I am excited for our annual Holiday Party and it seems like we will have a good turnout again this year! If you haven't responded to the email yet, please consider coming. This is the one event our Chapter puts on where you can get dressed up in your holiday best, have a great meal, great white elephant and raffle prizes, commiserate with your fellow Blue Knights and not be rushed away in an hour to go on a ride (not that that's a bad thing!) Let John Lopotosky know if you're coming, and let's get those checks and square payments in. We need to have our final headcount in and I want to make sure we have enough food for all.

We're moving right along on our raffle ticket sales and I believe the last 4 books have been issued, so hopefully we meet our goal of all 500 sold. This generates the revenue the club uses to offset the price of our holiday party.

Because Veteran's Day fell on a Monday this year, we were unable to make our annual ride out to the Vets Home in Chula Vista. But fear not! We are working to see what date works best for the club and the Vets, and will plan a ride most likely in January. This is the ride where we collect Walmart gift cards and bring them out to the Vets, get to hang out with them, present the cards, they get to see the bikes, and we all have lunch together. Our Vets are everything to this country and have fought for what we stand for. Watch for further announcements about this important ride/trip.

At our Holiday party this year, we will be swearing in this year's club officers. We are adding one new Director, Arturo Romero. The current officers have been working hard all year and they do it because they care, and they love the club and for what it stands for. Arturo brings all that and more to us, my hat's off to him for stepping up. Arturo is actually taking the place of Bill Craw, our Director Emeritus and prior Lady (Lord Knight lol) of the year. Bill has other commitments so needs to step down. But not to worry, he is still manning his oar and moving the club ever forward. I can't thank him enough for all he's done and continues to do.

We've had other club members step up this year as well, with new Ride Coordinator Mike Belluso and new Quartermaster Alex Cross. Both are already hard at work! This club has continued successfully for so long because of all of you, the members, making sure it stays that way! I look forward to serving you all for another term, and as always, invite your comments and concerns at any time, because, this is OUR club, and WE get to make it as fun and as rewarding as we want.

I wish everyone a joyous buildup to the holiday season, and can't wait for our party! Remember, White Elephant gifts are **not gag gifts**, \$25 minimum; wear your holiday finest or best, and bring prizes for the raffle we always do at our monthly meetings. Continued blessings and as always, RWP!

Ken



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Mike Wagner, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2024



Call to Order: President Ken Smith at 0902 hours

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mike Wagner

Moment of Silence for Members of Heaven I
Recognition of Fallen Chapter Members

Introductions/Guests: Ray Juanengo introducing Mary "Cupcake" Pittman to talk about the Toys For Tots ride on November 24, 2024.

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President Ken Smith – Present

1. Christmas Part Menu and Preliminary Headcount. The Christmas Party is all set. Ken and John verified there will be 37 attendees at the party. Buffet Style.
2. Extra activities at Christmas Party. White Elephant. Let a board member know if someone would like to include another activity.
3. Assignments of helpers at the Christmas Party. Need Sign in Sheet, Sort Presents and Raffle Tickets.
4. Raffle of free room at hotel. Trying to get a block of rooms which will enable everyone to get a better rate.
5. Swore in new Blue Knight members Michael Scollan and Randy Aldredge.

Vice President Ray Juanengo – Present

1. Toys for Tots Ride on November 24, 2024
2. Mary Pittman talked about the 11th Annual San Diego Toys for Tots Event to be held on November 24, 2024. Partnering with Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and East County Off Road and supported by Indian Motorcycles of El Cajon and Moto world of El Cajon. Registration and continental breakfast at Indian Motorcycles of El Cajon, 315 N Magnolia Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020 from 8:00 to 10:15 AM. Registration fee \$15, and at least one new unwrapped toy per person (toys are taken to the track). Challenge coin for first 250 paid registrations. Opportunity Drawing and 50/50 Ticket sales. KSU 10:30 AM. Gates open 11:30 AM.

Secretary Mike Wagner – Present

1. How to pay for the X-mas Party? Cash, Check or Square.
2. What is the latest date to pay for X-mas Party? The day of the X-mas Party. John mentioned the Chapter pays for half the cost.

Treasurer Chuck Belletti – Present

1. The fiscal status of the club given to club members.
2. Tracy Brashars donated \$100.00 from their Cal 10 ride.

Past President John Lopotosky - Present

1. Only ten members have renewed their Blue Knight fees. 50% of the members still need to pay their dues.
2. Update of the number of members attending the Christmas Party. Currently, 37 people attending.
3. Mentioned about the Social Security Wellness Act and HR 82 which deals with windfall taxes.
4. Creating a new Chapter Patch and developing a new club coin.

Chapter Directors:

Director and News Editor Richard Bennett – Present

1. This year we need to have a X-mas Party photo
2. Mentioned about all the contributions Buck and Candy Perigo have made towards the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club.

Director Mike Harrison – Present

1. He mentioned there is no General Meeting on December 9, 2024. Meeting to be held at Christmas party.

Director Emeritus Bill Crow – Present

1. Asked about the selection of Blue Knight of the Year

Pending Director Arturo Romero - Not Present

1. The club sponsoring Santiago Lopez car racing. The club will donate \$250.00 towards this charity event.
2. Treasurer Chuck Belletti presented a \$250.00 check. Santiago Lopez mentioned he has come in 2nd, 3rd and 4th place on his Riding circuit. One win with our Blue Knight local on his racing vehicle.

Raffle Ticket Coordinator Miguel Martinez - Not Present

1. An inventory list sent of raffle tickets.
2. All but two books have been issued.

Alan Wheeler - Not Present

1. Consider an additional charity for CAVI to support <https://thewoundedblue.org>. The Wounded Blue's mission is to improve the lives of injured and disabled law enforcement officers.
2. Ken Smith informed the club we are sponsoring Next Step Service Dogs, Wishes Granted Foundation and the San Diego Police Museum.

SWC International Rep Jorge Ortiz - Not Present

1. The SWC is looking at recruiting.

Staff:

Webmaster Stephen Roche - Not Present

Safety Officer - Mike Manen - Not Present

Ride Coordinator - Michael Belluso – Present

1. After Meeting Ride to the Julian Area.
2. Addressed the membership about attending the Huntington Beach Santa Ride this year. It is held on December 24, 2024.

Jay Ellis mentioned about all the contributions Buck and Candy Perigo have made. He also mentioned about his belt buckle award he has worn for over three years as the oldest CA VI Blue Knight member. He stated to the club he will be 84 years old next February and challenged anyone to get his belt buckle.

Quarter Master Alex Cross – Present

1. Waiting to acquire the Quarter Master Inventory from Arturo Romero to start his job as Quarter Master.

(Morale/Welfare Coordinator) Michelle Juanengo - Not Present

(Morale/Welfare Coordinator) Tina Lopotosky – Present

1. Welcomed new members and everyone attending the X-mas Party.

Good of the order: Ken Smith mentioned about the Veterans Home Ride to Chula Vista, CA. Another motorcycle club will be riding there on Monday November 11th. Possibly some of the club members would attend. In January or February, the club could make a ride there. Raffle tickets and \$25.00 White Elephant gifts at the X-mas Party.

Rick Carlson mentioned about the club sponsoring San Diego Police Museum and the Festival of Trees sponsored by the Shriners in Kearney Mesa, CA. There are 18 to 20 trees, and it is a 4-5-day event. In addition to the trees there will be ornaments and gifts. He donated five admission tickets to the event to the club.

Poker Chip Drawing:

50 25/25 Winners: First: \$36.00 Mike Wagner Second: \$36.00 Tracy Brashars (Tracy donated her winnings back to the chapter.)

Motion to Adjourn by: First by: Alex Cross

Seconded by: Bill Crow

Meeting Adjourned at: 0955 hours

Next Meeting: December 14, 2024 at the Christmas Party, Embassy Suites, La Jolla

A pleasant surprise

Members at the November Blue Knights meeting were happy to see Candy Perigo attend. Candy is the widow of Buck Perigo, one of the original members of CA VI.

A few of us “senior” members remember Buck and Candy Perigo during their membership in the early years of the Chapter. For the “newer” Chapter members, I offer this history.

Buck and Candy were a team. They always attended everything together, and worked together at events. Buck was good friends with Hal Crosby and Ed Morris, who were instrumental in starting the Chapter. The three of them were also members of the Goldwing Riders motorcycle club.

Buck was a long-time Treasurer for our Chapter, and was noted for acquiring the main course for the Annual fund-raiser ride for our Chapter. The annual ride began at a motorcycle accessory dealership on El Cajon Blvd. in San Diego, and ended at the San Diego Police Pistol Range on Federal Blvd. The highlight of the ride was the spaghetti lunch, which was included in the registration price. Buck Perigo always provided the spaghetti, which he was able to get from a restaurant owner.

Veteran members remember Buck as having “quiet wisdom” at Board meetings, and always willing to step up to help. Buck and Candy often brought eggs, fruits and vegetables to the monthly meetings to share with members.

It is said that Buck Perigo wore a Blue Knights belt buckle that he vowed to pass along to the oldest Chapter member. He passed it along to the current owner, Jay Ellis.

This history is offered as “Corporate memory” of the Chapter. Our current members are making their own Chapter memories now, and I hope they will keep history alive by enlightening future Blue Knights.

Submit your Blue Knight articles to the Knightly News

The Knightly News is published monthly by Blue Knights California VI. All members are encouraged to submit articles. Articles deemed appropriate include but are not limited to: articles regarding motorcycle-oriented stories, personal travel, police functions or informational / technical topics.

As a reminder, any submissions of re-printed articles must clearly give credit to the original author. Copyrighted material must have permission of the author to be eligible. This can be remedied by writing up an outline of the article and by referencing the original author.

Articles that are deemed inappropriate for publication include and are not limited to: articles regarding controversial, personal choices, religious positions or advocacy for questionable action. Questions about material that does not fall clearly within the guidelines will be brought to the attention of the Chapter President by the Editor, for a decision of appropriateness. If necessary, the Board may review the article and make a decision to publish or not to publish.

Submit articles to Editor: electrotalk2610@outlook.com

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

SUNDAY WEEK AFTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING



SAFETY MESSAGE

Mike Manen, Safety Officer



Wintertime Blues

I know this sounds like a foreign concept, but I also know one of you will attempt this and I have no idea why since we live in sunny So-Cal...riding in the snow and yes, I know snow is rare as a Bigfoot sighting around San Diego. I found these tips from Saint Blogs:

• KNOW THE RISKS OF WINTER MOTORCYCLE RIDING

The first step to riding in winter weather is knowing what you'll be dealing with.

For starters, **keep your speed to a manageable level**. This isn't the time for heroics. You'll need plenty of leeway to deal with the change in traffic conditions and unexpected hazards. Slower speeds will also compensate for the loss of traction when you need to come to a stop.

Your **following distance** will need to be tweaked as well. While two to three seconds is the norm, that distance should be increased for winter conditions. Remember, most people don't see bikers even at the best of times, so keep on your toes and allow for the unexpected.

The **road conditions** can get tricky during winter months, so watch out for slippery obstacles on the ground. Black ice, which is a term for transparent ice because it blends in with the road, can be especially hard to spot while driving. Keep your eyes peeled for any ice or morning frost, which can easily cause a skid.

Think about your **visibility** as well. That means seeing in front of you and *being* seen. High-vis gear or reflective tape will make you less invisible to other drivers, who just won't be expecting a motorcycle on the road. As for yourself, it's important to constantly scout out for the road ahead to be ready for whatever might pop up.

• GEAR UP WITH THE PROPER EQUIPMENT

Cold temperatures mean adapting your bike and gear to the conditions. That means getting yourself some **proper snow tires or all-season tires**. With the steep loss of traction that comes with icy roads, you'll need all the help you can get.

Does your helmet have a face shield? A cold blast of winter wind in your face and eyes can be a real bitch, not to mention it completely blocks your vision. The skin around your face, nose, and ears is quite delicate, so don't leave it exposed to the unforgiving winter winds.

A pair of **winter riding gloves** will help keep your fingers from freezing up in the cold weather. The last thing you need is frozen fingers when operating the controls, so grab yourself a pair of winter motorcycle gloves so you can stay in control.

Lastly, you'll need to think about keeping your body warm. Motorcycle jackets that are made for winter are the best mix of warmth and protection you can get. Remember, you'll be completely exposed to the elements, so make sure you've got motorcycle gear that can keep you feeling nice and toasty.

• **START THE BIKE BEFORE YOU RIDE**

Cold engines need a bit more time to get going, so make sure to **warm the bike up before you jump on**. It's a bit like us getting out of bed on a cold morning. It usually requires a bit of extra effort.

Warming up your bike is crucial because it heats the oil and lets it circulate throughout the bike. This protects the high-stress components of the motorcycle. The bike's battery also won't perform as well in cold weather and the viscosity of motor oil increases.

Speaking of oil, check out your bike's manual. It should mention something about changing the viscosity of oil for colder temperatures. It's a small change that helps to maximize the bike's performance.

• **CHECK THE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

So, at what point should you call it quits entirely? There is such a thing as too cold, so don't be a hero or you might end up paying for it.

As a rule, temperatures below freezing are too cold to ride. You might be a tough nut, but trust us, your body can't handle it. So, before you even start riding, check the forecast and decide if today is actually worth it.

Consider where you're riding as well. Higher elevations mean lower temperatures, so watch out for those high-peak mountain ranges. Temperatures tend to drop rapidly after the sun sets, so try to plan your rides for during the day.

The wind chill is a very real danger for motorcycle riders in winter. The wind chill is the rate of heat loss from exposed skin caused by the combination of wind and cold, so basically how cold it feels outside while the wind is blowing. Here are the warning signs:

- You start feeling very cold
- Numbness
- Tingling, itching, and burning sensations
- Unusual joint clumsiness
- Skin discoloration

Hypothermia is even more serious, which happens when your body is exposed to subfreezing temperatures. Hypothermia happens when your body's core temperature falls below 90 degrees Fahrenheit (or 35 degrees Celsius), so be aware of the warning signs:

- Uncontrollable shivering
- You start feeling numb or weak
- You notice a decline in motor control
- Feeling confused
- Start losing consciousness

- **HAVE A GAME PLAN**

What's your plan to stay warm and safe? **Frequent stops** are a good way to prevent your body from getting sore and stiff, so think about a route with some warm places to park and maybe grab a meal.

Speaking of food, **pack some quality snacks that will help sustain your energy**. Go for proteins and complex carbs while avoiding junk food. The aim is to fuel your body over the course of the journey, so eat smart.

It's a good idea to plan your rides during winter. As mentioned above, the temperature can drop dramatically after sunset, so try to have your trip wrapped up before the sun goes down. If you can, avoid high altitudes as well.



Road Wisdom

There is a difference between wisdom and knowledge. Noah Webster

We are Mentors

by Richard Bennett



All my life I have had mentors. We have all had mentors in our lives. We have them now, if you think about it. Every time we do something new, we get instruction and advice from someone.

A friend of mine bought a motorcycle a few years ago. It was a full-sized, expensive brand that is designed for sophisticated riders. He had not ridden a motorcycle for 20 years before buying this motorcycle, but chose not to go through a Motorcycle Safety Foundation course. He was relying on his former experience, and was re-learning by trial and error. I tried to get him to visit our Blue Knight meetings and ride with our group, but he was still waiting for the "right time" to get involved. His motorcycle sat for long periods of time, and he never had the self-confidence to take long rides.



Group photo courtesy of Glenn Carpenter

Joining a motorcycle group is like spending time with several Mentors. For the rider who is new to the sport, or one who is returning after a long absence, group riding offers a way to apply theory. Riding in a group means being able to watch riding techniques in action. The engine speed at gear changes; the speed and track through corners; the signals and subtle head-checks before changing lanes; following distances and lane positioning; all of the things that go beyond the mechanical operation of the motorcycle and transcend into safely traveling by motorcycle.

The motorcyclist who doesn't ride with skilled companions misses the opportunity to learn sophisticated skills that lead to better safety and enjoyment.

As children, we watch our parents to learn how to behave. In school we have teachers who inspire us to do our best, and serve as role-models. In our adult lives we seek to emulate those whom we admire, adopting the best of their traits as our own.



The International Blue Knights organization emphasized Safety 20 years ago. A highly qualified group of riders produced a Blue Knights Safety Program that was adopted at that convention. Individual Chapters were charged with adopting the program, and implementing each of the components. Safety is an official part of the Blue Knights operating policy.

When we go for rides as a group, consider that you may be a Mentor, and not know it. New members bring a varying level of riding experience and skills. They will be watching us closely to see if we wear the right apparel, keep our motorcycles in good mechanical condition and follow safe riding techniques in all types of conditions. They will emulate us.

I am grateful to all the Mentors in my life, and I am flattered when a friend thanks me for being a Mentor at some point in *his* life. Remember that the Blue Knights organization emphasizes safety, and we are being watched to see how the "pros" do it. Let's do it right.



Blue Knights, California VI

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Embassy Suites, 4550 La Jolla Village Dr., San Diego



Next BK Meeting and Christmas Party!

Premier Event of the year for our Chapter!

Wonderful location and venue

Business meeting & Installation of new Board of Directors

Gift exchange / White Elephant fun

Raffle and 50 – 50 drawing

Buffet Dinner with friends

STILL TIME TO GET IN: DEADLINE NOVEMBER 30TH

Act fast – contact President Ken Smith

No walk-ins on Party day

Cal X Blue Knights Annual Poker Run



by Ken Smith, CA VI President

I had the honor of representing our Chapter at the recent Cal X Blue Knights Annual Poker Run. There was a good size contingent of us who went, and I think everyone spent the prior night in El Centro in hotels so we could make the early morning start! Some of our famous Cal 6 included myself, Alan and Betsy Wheeler, Mike Manen, Mike Belluso and Sistiana, Mike and Tracy Brashars, Randy Aldredge, Arturo and Monica Romero, and Miguel and Lorena Martinez. Bill Crow and Chuck Belletti made it out in a chase vehicle! If I left you out of the list I apologize. Hopefully we can make it up with pics!

If you don't already know, Cal X is known as a VERY family-oriented club, with all the members and spouses fully involved in all things Blue Knights. They are also fortunate enough to have their own clubhouse, complete with bar! They didn't do a lot of "advertising" but we all knew there would be a gathering of all Blue Knights at the clubhouse the night before the poker run, and it was one for the books!

They started out by providing "shuttle" rides from the hotels. The drivers were other Blue Knights from CAL X in their own personal vehicles, making several trips to pick us up in groups. Naturally they forgot me and had to make a special make-up trip, but that's another story. And no, I wasn't lost in the hotel bar or anything.

CAL X had a full buffet meal provided free of charge, complete with a full open bar. The food was great and the company even better. Several different Chapters of Blue Knights were there as were a few members of the Southwest Conference Board. The fellowship and time we get to spend together makes it all worthwhile, and everyone was having a grand time. The fact the World Series on TV *might* have made things even more festive. Cal X also provided the same shuttle rides back to the hotel so no one had to ride a bike or call an Uber.

The next morning started early. I got down to the hotel breakfast buffet and several Blue Knights were already there and some already leaving. Our fellow Knights sure know how to have a good time, and get up early the next day without any moaning and groaning. Well...mostly.

The ride festivities began around 0800 hours with breakfast and coffee provided at the local Powersports dealership. They also were making breakfast burritos on site so the new motorcycle smell in the showroom had to compete with breakfast goodness.



There was a color guard and a beautiful live rendition of the National Anthem. Over 100 bikes showed up and the ride was well charted out. The weather was warm (but yeah, it was a dry heat!) and there were plenty of drink stops along the way.

The ride had the beautiful California desert and farmland scenery and reminds us all how beautiful it really is here in SoCal. I do have to point out one small item that occurred multiple times in the group I was with, that would drive our Safety minded Cal 6 members crazy.

At more than several intersections, two bikes would ride out from formation and play "road guard", blocking oncoming traffic until our group passed thru. This is a big no-no in our organization and I am happy to report the guilty parties in these instances were merely other riders in the poker run, and not patched members from any club I could tell.

The ride ended at a resort club rec hall, again with great food provided and a massive raffle. The raffle took time because folks seemed to take too long to look up winning numbers. It was suggested maybe having folks put their names on the tix to speed things up! Tracy Brashars won a great cash prize and immediately donated it to our Chapter. Talk about members giving back! I even won a large video game machine that I'm still working out on how to get from El Centro to Escondido!

By all accounts the ride seemed to be a great success and everyone loved the camaraderie. A large group of us gathered after the raffling was over and made a group ride back to San Diego, led by yours truly. I never used to enjoy leading rides but after becoming president of Cal 6, I cannot truly describe the joy and pride I feel every time I pull into a location with my brothers and sisters proudly in formation behind me. I will never get tired of that feeling!

Congrats to CAL X for another successful Poker Run, and I look forward to when they come to support ours as they always do, only I wish we had a clubhouse to entertain everyone! I'm sure we'll think of something.

Thanks to all who make CAL 6 and all Blue Knights look great and properly represented, and as always, RWP!



California VI members at El Centro CA X event

UPCOMING RIDES



11th Annual San Diego Toys for Tots Event

24 November 2024

"It's for the kids"



Partnering with Del Mar Thoroughbred Club & East County Off Road,
and supported by

Indian Motorcycles of El Cajon & Motoworld of El Cajon
we present the

11th San Diego Annual Toys for Tots Event.

Destination Del Mar Racetrack. Gates open 11:30 AM

<https://www.sandiegotoysfortotsevent.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SanDiegoToysforTotsEvent/>



TOYS FOR TOTS

11th Annual San Diego Toys for Tots Event 24 November 2024

Registration & continental breakfast at Indian Motorcycles of El Cajon, 315 N Magnolia Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020 from 8:00 – 10:15 AM.

\$15 and at least one new unwrapped toy per person (take toys to track). Challenge coin for first 250 paid registrations.

Opportunity drawing & 50/50 ticket sales.

KSU 10:30 AM. Gates open 11:30 AM.

Destination: Del Mar Racetrack, with special access, free parking, Stretch Run Gate admission with toy donation, use of patio, opportunity drawing, plus grandstand seating for horse races, including Del Mar Toys for Tots Ride.

U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE



Huntington Beach Santa Claus Ride 2024

by Mike Belluso, Ride Coordinator

Every year on Christmas Eve morning, rain or shine, motorcycle riders from all over Southern California meet at the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge #1959, to bring Christmas cheer to less fortunate youngsters at the Orangewood Children's Home.

For the past several years, Sistiana and myself have participated in this event, and always come away feeling charged up with Christmas spirit.

From HBsantaclausride.com

When: Christmas Eve Day - Rain or Shine

Where: Hosted by the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge #1959, 7711 Talbert Ave, Huntington Beach, CA

Fee: \$20 per person which includes a ride pin, patch and breakfast ticket.

Bring one or more of the following: An unwrapped toy, gift card or gift check.

Please come in Santa Suit or Holiday Attire. It would be awesome to see a group to BK CA VI riders joining the festivities this year.



Santa and Elf



Mike and Sistiana

The members of Blue Knights California VI - San Diego, are honored to support the following charities. Donations are encouraged.



<https://thewishesgrantedfoundation.com/>



<https://nextstepservicedogs.org/>



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At Miramar National Cemetery*

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FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF BK CA VI MEMBERS



ALEX CROSS



\$45



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The above items are immediately available from the Quarter Master. Contact Alex at the monthly meetings or by email.