

Poker Run!

■ LAFD Firehogs holds annual fundraiser.

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FIRE DEPT — The Firehogs motorcycle group held its annual Poker Run fundraiser June 12. The event honors the firefighters who died on duty and raises money for the Widows, Orphans and Disabled Firemen's Fund.

The Poker Run began at the LAFD Historical

Society and Fire Museum on North Cahuenga Boulevard in Hollywood and continued through Gladstone's Restaurant in Pacific Palisades/Malibu. The final destination was the Canyon Club in Agoura.

The Poker Run ended with a luncheon and live entertainment.

Firehogs President John O'Connor said that he would like other City employees to know that they are welcome to participate in Firehogs Rides and other events. They can find out more information about upcoming rides at www.firehogs.org



Jim Anseth, Honorary Firehog Member, and Firehogs President John O'Connor pose with other Firehogs.



From left: Firefighters Cadena and Gaeta; Engineer Zabala; and Captain Finn.



From left: Dale and Doreen King; Eric and Debbie Lau; and Bob and Tracy Eurton.



Jim Anseth and Lisa.



New and existing Firehogs stand together.



Eddie Rincon (FS 46A) and Lorraine.



Club Member Adam Van Gerpen lets Club Counselor Bev Haro borrow his bike for a quick photo.



Captain Akahoshi's daughter sings the national anthem.



Jeff Taylor remembers his brother, who passed away.



A family of a fallen firefighter rings 10 bells, which is traditional when a firefighter passes.



John O'Connor, Firehog President.



Brand-new Firehogs receive their jackets.



Firehogs who helped organize the event.



Mike Kammerer.



Captain Akahoshi hosts the event.



Barry Hedberg, President of the Relief Association.



LAFD Chief Bill Bammatre.



Bikes in position before the ride.