



In the LAPD Recruitment booth, from left: Chris Porter, P3; and Gary Kennedy, LAPD Reserve.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and LAPD Police Chief William Bratton pose with VIP judges.



LAPD Air Support, from left: Kris Owen, Pilot, Air Support; and Chris Van Horn, Tactical Flight Officer.

Cops for Tots

■ LAPD hosts 10th annual charity event.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD's Central Traffic Division presented its 10th annual Cops for Tots event Oct. 30 at the Police Academy. Cops for Tots is a benefit the Los Angeles Police Department's Central Traffic Division's efforts to raise funds for children in need of a transplant.

"This was our biggest show to date," said Abe Rangel, Motor Officer, Event Organizer and Club Member. Some 511 cars and 205 motorcycle

entered the show, which raised \$26,000.

This year's event fell on the weekend prior to Halloween. Many spooky-themed vehicles were on hand. The event was free to the public, with the proceeds to Benefit the Children's Charities of Los Angeles.

More than 50 trophies were awarded. A new addition to this year's event was the first Cops for Tots motorcycle ride for children with spina bifi-da. The ride started at Harley Davidson in Glendale, concluding the ride at the Police Academy for the car and motorcycle show.

Ben Alameda, LAPD Employee and Club Member, donated a Ford engine for the event's silent auction. The engine sold for \$2,800.

Special guests included Mayor Antonio



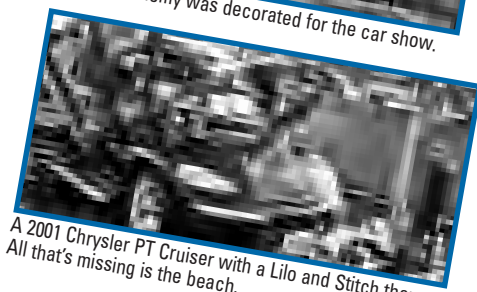
Villaraigosa, LAPD Chief William Bratton, Adam-12 actor Ken McCord and KTLA Morning News co-anchor Michaela Pereira. There were also many vendors on hand. The Club thanks Capt. Andrew J. Smith and Officers Abe Rangel, Mike Belmonte and Anthony Stewart for their assistance.



From left: Chick Chicoine, Retired LAPD; Ray Choi, Volunteer; Ben Alameda, LAPD Mechanic, Event Sponsor, Club Member; and Douglas Lee, LAPD Equipment Mechanic, Club Member.



The Police Academy was decorated for the car show.



A 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser with a Lilo and Stitch theme. All that's missing is the beach.



Back, from left: Officer Craig Marquez; Paul Flöge, P2+2. Seated: Andy Vergara, P2+2; and Officer Gina Meza, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Nunez with KTLA Morning News Anchor Michaela Pereira.



From the Bureau of Sanitation, back: Howard Wong, Industrial Waste Inspector, Sanitation. Front, from left: Ayman Jabbouri, Civil Engineering Associate, Club Member; Dion Coluso, Civil Engineering Associate; Ernesto Garcia, Civil Engineering Associate, Club Member; Tony Teo, Industrial Waste Inspection.



Selling sweets, with 100 percent of proceeds benefiting Cops for Tots were, from left: Cathy Susim, PSR, Club Member; Susie Montanez, Volunteer; Priscilla Chavez, PSR, Club Member; and Tanya Bailey, Volunteer.



Many people check out the motorcycles on display.



From left: Terrence Lockett, P2+2; and Michael Valencia, P2+.



So many cars!



From left: Kimi, 2, and Kaylee, 5, with their dad, Sgt. James Baker, Club Member.



From left: LAPD Assistant Chief McDonnell, with his wife, Kathy, and daughter, Megan; and LAPD Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, with her husband, Greg.



A 1997 Harley-Davidson.



A 1962 Corvette.



A Batmobile.



A 2003 Chevy.



A 1923 Ford.



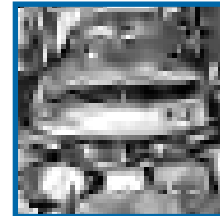
From left: Officer Christine Eastburn; Mary Gonzales, Clerk Typist; and Cesar Ramirez, Detective I.



From left: Chief William Bratton; Craig Kloppenberg, Colorado Police Officer, with son, Lodin, 2, and wife, Melinda; and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.



A 2003 Indian Chief.



Looks like pro wrestling's very own Undertaker had his vehicle on hand.



Representing Autotoyz of South Ontario, from left: Jason Lobban, son of Officer Alvin Lobban, and wife, Korinne.



From left: Rafaela Nisbet, Volunteer; and Yvette Ramos LAPD Reserve.



From left: Lt. Larry Swanson; Capt. Young; Sgt. Nunez; and Motor Officer Abe Rangel, Event Coordinator, Club Member.



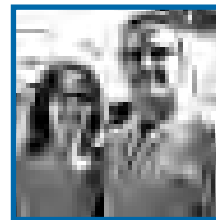
From left: Marisol Vielma, PSR, Club Member; and Jacob, 10, son of PSR Natrese Thomas, PSR, Club Member.



John Nisbet, Traffic Education Officer and Chair of Safe Kids Los Angeles.



Many bouncers kept the children busy.



From left: LAPD Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member, with her husband, Greg.



From left: Bob Gurrola, LAPD Investigator; and Bobbie Telles, Secretary, Club Member.



Pictured with a 1955 Buick Highway Patrol car, from left: Motor Officer Abe Rangel, Event Organizer, Club Member; Adam-12 actor Kent McCord; Motor Officer Mike Belmonte; and Dodger great Manny Mota.