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Bless Those Bikes

Sanitation's BOS Hogs club, plus motorcycles from other departments, get a blessing in Griffith Park.

Story courtesy BOS Hogs; Photos by Norman Tanada

The BOS (Brothers of Sanitation) Hogs, the motorcycle group of Public Works/Sanitation, held a Blessing of the Bikes event April 12 in Griffith Park. It was the second annual Blessing of the Bikes event.

By 9:30 a.m., there were 125 motorcycles of all makes and models. The Sanitation bikes came from seven yards -- the East Valley, West Valley, North Hollywood, West L.A., South L.A., Harbor and North Central, and even from headquarters downtown. Other departments participated, including the DWP, Public Works/Street Services and General Services.

As the bikes arrived, breakfast was served. Following breakfast, there was a gathering of the riders to welcome them all, followed right after by

a prayer of thanks and the blessing. Each bike and person was blessed with olive oil.

Following the blessing, the group rode out to the coast up PCH through Kanan Dune Canyon to the 101 into Calabasas at the Sage Brush Cantina.

The event was coordinated by Art Moreno, Jonathan Polk and Robert Sosa. Thanks also to Norman Tanada for the photos, and Elisha Douglas and Linda Wilson for the hot and tasty breakfast.



Some of the 125 bikes that participated in the Blessing of the Bikes event.



From the Sanitation West Los Angeles Yard.



Minister Jonathan Polk, Organizer Art Moreno and (on bike) Leo Martinez.



The bikes blessed, they're rolling to the lunch destination, led by Robert Sosa, Supervisor, North Central Yard.



Introduction.



Prayer led by Minister Jonathan Polk.



Prayer.



They're getting ready to have their bikes blessed.



Mounting of the bikes for the blessing.



One of the many couples in attendance.



Blessing of the first bike.



Gregory and Etta Carter on their own bikes.



One of many solo women rolling toward her destination.



Organizer Art Moreno.



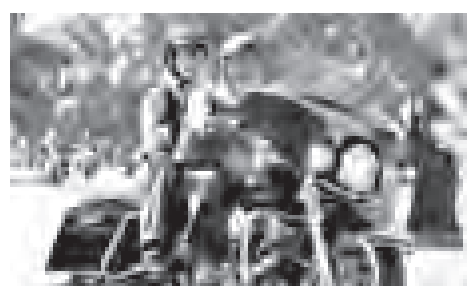
Jimmy and Sylvia.



Art Moreno, Public Works/Sanitation; Glenn Calzada, Public Works/Street Services, and Angela Roman, Public Works/Sanitation.



A couple heads to their destination.



Couples ride their bikes after being blessed.



One of the last rolls out.