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A Sweet Night in Sac.

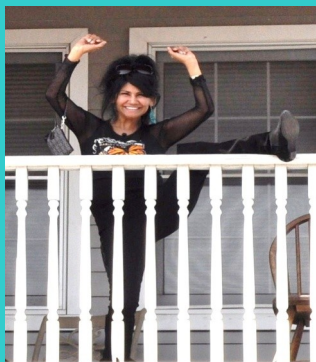


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18TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY PARTY



We were back in Sacramento again for our 18th anniversary party held at the historic Firehouse Restaurant again. The well trained staff is always helpful, and at the ready with a good table of appetizers pre-dinner followed by dinner, and desserts after dinner was served. Neither the service nor generous pours of the bartender were why we were here though. Reflecting on the past year of adventures and achievements would take a full evening. Even the finely dressed women of the ISMC would only momentarily distract from the evening procedures.



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18TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY PARTY (CONT.)

Only the custom made teal cowboy boots sported by the pimpalicious Tree held the members' attention very long.



Three Hawks started the evening out with a crowd stopping prayer, as follows:

Great Spirit, God, Creator of All, whose voice I hear in the four winds, whose breath gives life to the world, hear us;

Great Spirit, once more behold us on earth and lean down to hear our feeble voices. You lived first, and you are older than all need, older than all prayer and all things belong to you –

You have made us cross the good roads and the roads of difficulties and have given us your strength and wisdom. Guide us down our chosen path and give us the courage to pursue what is available to us. We are thankful for the lessons and grateful for our struggles; day in, day out, forevermore, you are the life of all things.

In the presence of this house, Great Spirit, and from the directions of the four winds, tell our Mother the Earth who hears everything. That we come to her this day to ask her, to love all men, and watch over them, to give all men the understanding because from her comes all-good things. Good things and blessings that are beyond our eyes. To bring a blessing in our midst, for this reason we make our request known to you again. Give us a blessing so that our words and actions be one in unity, and that we be able to listen to each other, in so doing, we shall with good heart walk hand in hand to face the future. In the presence of our Spirit Mother, we are thankful for many blessings. We make our prayer for all people, the children, the women and the men. We pray that no harm will come to them, and that there be no ill feelings among us from this day on, so that we may walk hand in hand. When we arise in the morning, we will give thanks for the morning light, for our life and strength.

Tonight we give thanks for your food and the joy of living.

So be it.

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Next an OG message was given by Road Runner, who did a great job even though he was unprepared to do so. He had been surprised by the crowd's rousing applause that had chosen him to speak. This was followed by a number of awards given.

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18TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY PARTY (CONT.)



ISMC members are not known to sit around when they can help out. The proof is in the pudding. That would be the community creed award given to the head of Nas-D's Lend-A-Hand event team, his wife Jackie.



Except for myself and the members who

are paying attention, the biggest surprised look of the night was on Brother Taz's face when he was called to come on down to get the Brotherhood Award. The least surprising award went to Brother T-Bone, the hardest working performer in show business pumping out accurate minutes monthly without fail. He is always there with support of all, and comes with boots on the ground ready for being the answer man for past information.

Heavy K was proud to give T-Bone the Iron Thunder award. The only short-coming of the evening was that it was over too soon. With no place to dance at this location, members wandered off at the end of the awards. Before then, I did get some great photos posing next to **Iron Butt's latest version of Tatanka. The origin of the Tatanka spirit as Hand Crafted by Iron Butt is noted below.**



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Tatanka is the Lakota Sioux word for buffalo. I saw this impressive American icon in both living and preserved forms all over the southwest. It was on my first-ever ride to Fort Huachuca (with Road-Runner and Voodoo) to visit the Buffalo Soldier's Museum that I began a journey of self education and appreciation for the people and history of the southwestern parts of our country. The '89 FXSTC that I rode that year has since safely crisscrossed many times those desert states and the many "nations" located there. As a constant reminder of these trips, I covered my tanks and seat with buffalo hides of my personal design, integrating custom Navajo beadwork (in the form of Thunderbirds) into the tank design. On October 17, 1989, I had just entered Alameda when I got a flat tire. *(continued on next page)*

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Only after stopping at a traffic signal did I realize that there was no flat, but that the asphalt for blocks were rising and falling like waves in the ocean. It took me a few hours to realize that I had missed getting killed in the collapse of the Cypress Structure by about two minutes. That's when I decided to engrave "Tatanka Spirit" on the points cover.

I also started an art project that would serve as a constant reminder to me of my rides into the "nations", but to be displayed in my office at work. The centerpiece was a buffalo skull, and I began preparing it for presentation, right around the same time that a few of us were forming up the club. The final adornment of "Tatanka" has taken years, but the beauty and symbolism displayed has purely personal meanings, some portions which are represented in our "colors", as "Tatanka" became the model for our artwork.

The four faux Eagle feathers are attached by suede cowhide strips, each adorned with a combination of European origin turquoise colored glass barrel beads and brass beads hand-made in West Africa. (There is a huge world history of beads, which in antiquity were used as barter, so I was careful to choose those which fit the meaning I was intending while ensuring that they would always be politically correct).

The matched pair of wild pig tusks is connected with a piece of Zebra wood which is one of the hardest of the hardwoods found in Africa. (I know because I had to carve and polish that little piece of wood to custom fit the tusks). The tusks are strung with a pair of Kukui nuts which (when burned are used for light, and) are inseparable from ancient Polynesian history. I initially made this ornament as a way to identify those of us who had or were still in law enforcement. But locating a sufficient number of small matched tusks, as well as the time necessary to carve a piece of Zebra wood for each pair of tusks, proved to be more time and effort than I was willing to put in. Before I hung this ornament on "Tatanka", I wore it on my riding vest for nearly 15 years.

Finally, the war shield upon which "Tatanka" is mounted is made of cowhide and shaped with willow saplings. I hand-painted the logo as well as our motto, and adorned the bottom lip with 20 "coup" feathers and one "blood" feather. Each feather is decorated with black wooden beads and capped with a .357 shell casing. (Spent shell casings are used to represent the crack of thunder in some Native American lore).

The pair of "coup" feathers attached to Old Glory on the field of stars represents the idea that *you will never ride alone*.



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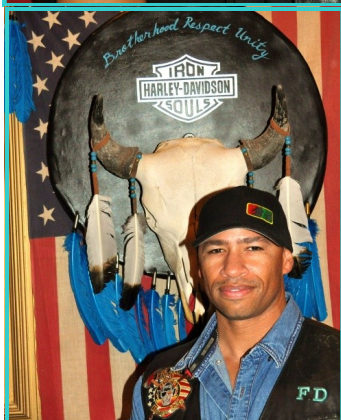
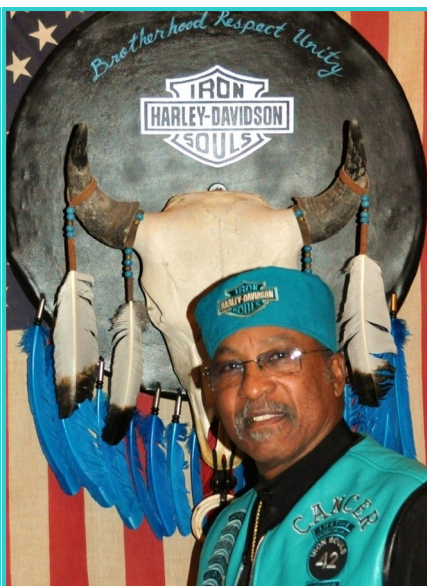


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FALLEN BROTHERS RUN 2011



This is historically a must attend event. Not to say it's a mandatory run. ISMC doesn't have those, but as attendee KO Joe with Island Thunder noted to the members at lunch, ISMC is looking forward by respecting our past. Keeping our members "Always Present" is who we are. Chili, Curly and Diamond are more than past history. Heavy K put it in plain terms. He had not met all three of the fallen brothers, but if ever asked if he knew them, he would say yes. (Continued on next page)

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Photos with the Fallen by Roadrunner



FALLEN BROTHERS RUN (CONT.)

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FALLEN BROTHERS RUN TO IONE? 2011

This was a new location for this lunch, in Ione! Yeah, that's what I said. At the corner of Highways 104 and 124. Some members had driven by, but few had stopped there before. With the help of a prospect, I rode up early and secured parking between Clarks Corner and Tillys Club. While waiting, I met another club, Iron Order MC. They did not question our need for parking, and moved down the street. While waiting for the main group to arrive, Heavy K walked down to pay our respects and meet their president, Viper, and some of their members...one which was named Taz, who could not be overlooked. When the main pack arrived, we assembled at the main patio of Clarks Corner, where Katie had set up a buffet lunch. All brothers felt the "Always Present".



We always hear new stories and adventures of their past. After lunch everyone moved to the Tillys Club, where the single bartender had not heeded my earlier warning of calling for additional staff. I found most of the ladies of the ISMC on the second floor balcony, re-enacting Ione Hotels past when the ladies on the second story would drum up the attentions of the men below.

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Naomie displays the old style adult beverages



FALLEN BROTHERS RUN (CONT.)



KO Joe from Island Thunder speaks about
ISMC's respect for history

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WORD FROM THE EDITOR

I have talked about Fastrak before, many times in fact. The subject has come up in many ways, safety being the #1 reason. I have always said a little prayer for those riders I see stopped at the toll plaza trying to take off a glove to pay their toll, as I cruise by in the Fastrak only lane. Here is even another reason to consider getting Fastrak. With everything going up in price, as usual, the new information about fast track caught my eye. So when I heard that they were giving free tolls for Fastrak transponders, I felt the need to jump back on my soap box to sing the praises of Fastrak.

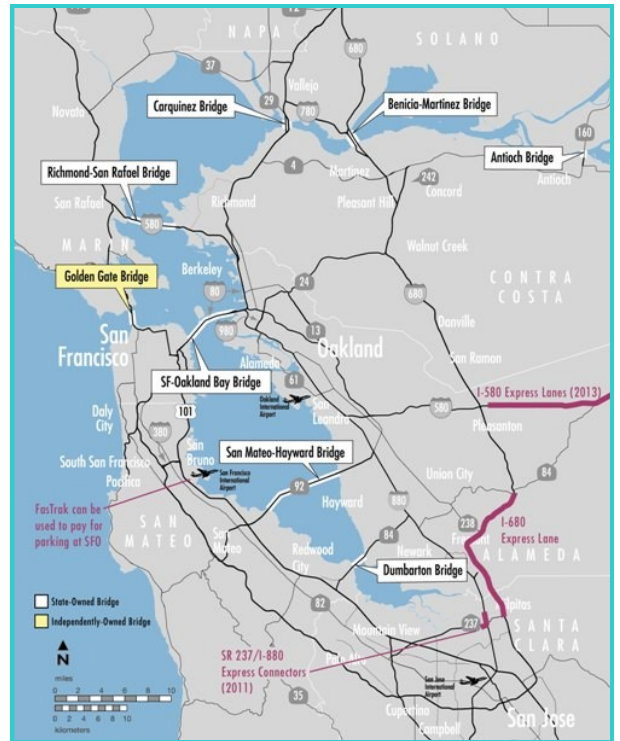
The Fastrak transponder has never been easier to obtain. You can get one at www.bayareafastrak.org and you need not leave your home. You can also

pick one up at Walgreens, Costco or Safeway. There are eight bridges, three express lanes and even parking lots that you can pay for automatically! The Benicia-Martinez bridge has express lanes with no need to even slow down.

The reason most often given to not obtain a Fastrak is that it cost too much. There is no fee for the toll tag and no service charge to open/maintain a Fastrak account. An initial prepaid balance of \$25 per toll tag, and the **money is deducted only as used**.

You can even save toll costs during commuter times. **There are promotions going on at the retail outlets that give you free tolls for opening up a new Fastrak account. You can even receive more free tolls from American Express. All free tolls will be credited to your account at the time of registration. For more information go to www.bayareafastrak.org.** To make things even easier I have attached my transponders on the inside lid of my left side Harley bags, where they are out of sight, out of mind. You can't get much easier than that.

*Keep it up right.
MacGyver*



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