



Ground pounding

CALIFORNIA LOVE

The socially conscious 4 Horsemen M.C. find balance in pleasure and purpose.

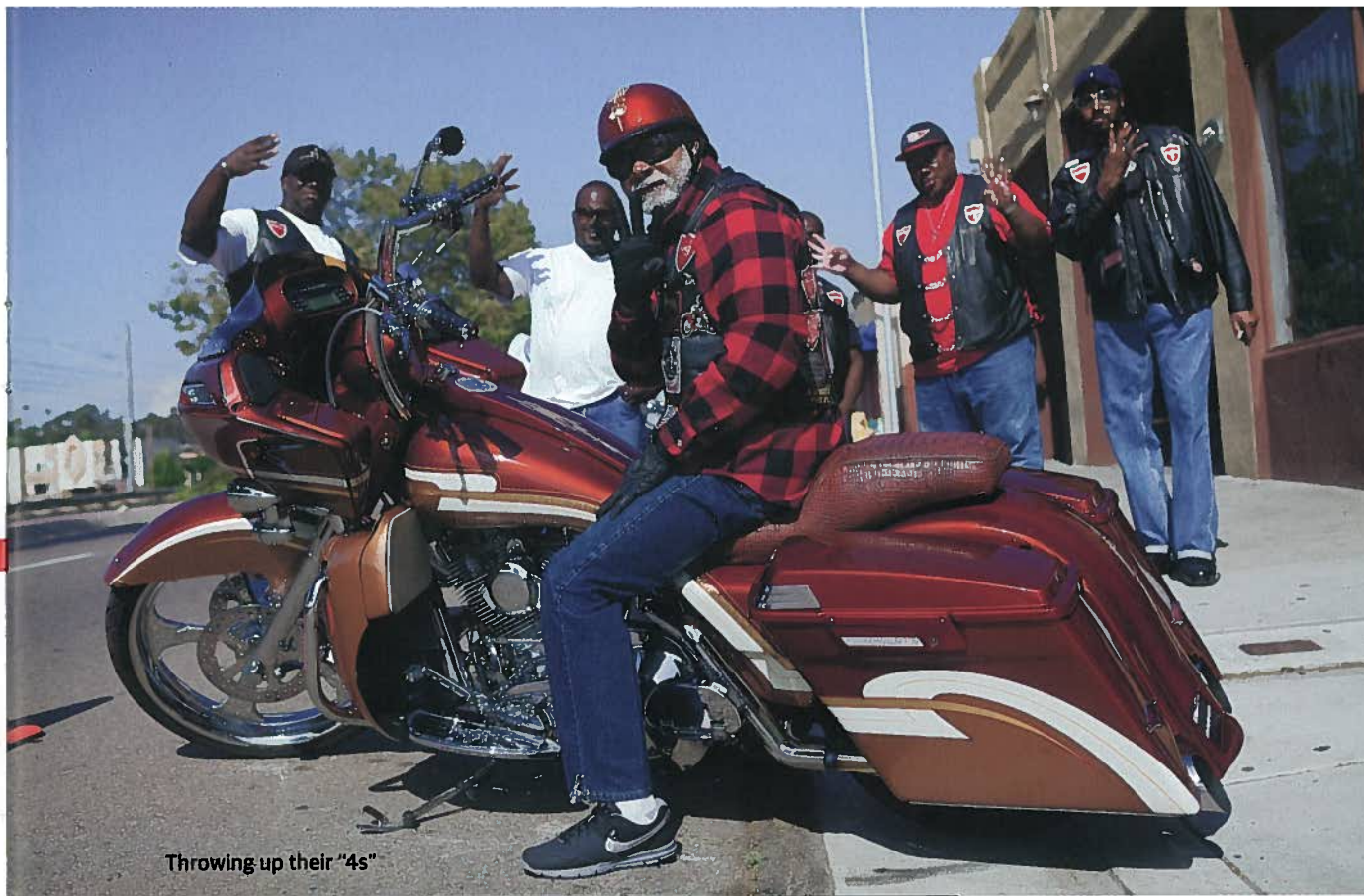


While iconic public figures such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Tommie Smith and John Carlos were making headlines in 1968—bringing national attention to social injustice, the lack of civil rights and equality for blacks in America—a progressive band of brothers in Pasadena, California, decided to take a more nontraditional approach to promoting unity in the community. They formed a motorcycle club. The founding fathers of the 4 Horsemen M.C. took their passion for riding and enjoying the camaraderie of other motorcycle enthusiasts and married it with social responsibility. This rich tradition has not only continued to inspire for more than 40 years, but the legacy has also managed to expand into seven national chapters throughout the United States.

Currently, the 4 Horsemen M.C. San Diego Chapter continues to follow its forefathers' ways. They've hosted and participated in annual toy drives at Christmas, turkey giveaways at Thanksgiving and several other family-oriented events throughout surrounding neighborhoods.

"Ever since I've been a member, I can go to one of my brothers and say I need a loaf of bread, and my club brothers will be glad to give it to me," explains Michael "Big Butler" Butler of the San Diego Chapter. "So for me, that's something that I appreciate. I appreciate the camaraderie and the gathering, but most of all, I like when the families get together, and the wives and all the kids can play and just have a good time."

The saga continues....



Throwing up their "4s"

Name: 4 Horsemen M.C., San Diego Chapter

Clubhouse: Owned and operated in current location for five years

Colors + color meaning: Red (bloodshed from their fallen brothers and sisters), black ("no color" boundaries), white (purest of their spirits that will shine through even after death), yellow (California, the Golden State)

Description of patch: The silhouette of the white skeleton represents the pure spirit that will shine through even after death, the chain represents the love of the motorcycle lifestyle bonding and the love of brotherhood; the two motorcycles represent both genders, as male and female are both welcome; the background of the two mountains represents four motorcyclists who sat at the foothills in Pasadena, organized and named the 4 Horsemen Motorcycle Club.

Types of bikes: Harley-Davidson Street Glides and Road Glides

Ages of members: 40+

Most known for: Annual picnics/gatherings and giving back to the community



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